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Dragan Lacmanovic (left), playing for Yugoslavia's Olympic team, confronts Ramos of Uruguay in Calcutta, India. At centre is Tupajic of Yugoslavia.

Dragan Lacmanovic: J.U.S.T.'s new star

Footscray J.U.S.T.'s star recruit, Dragan Lacmanovic, represented Yugoslavia 21 times. He played 12 times for the national amateur team, six games for the Olympic team and three for the Yugoslav B side.

Little wonder then, that he starred in J.U.S.T.'s victories over Green Gully and Macedonia in the past two weeks.

Lacmanovic, a solicitor, started with Galenika, where he was voted top player in the Yugoslav Second Division in 1971-72. After Galenika had beaten Partizan, Hajduk and Radnicki Nis to reach the Yugoslav Cup semi-finals, Red Star Belgrade signed him and he played there for two years in the company of great players like Petrovic, Stojanovic, Jovic, Savic and Blagojevic.

He returned to Galenika on loan before coming to Australia.

"Soccer here is more physical than in Yugoslavia, where they concentrate more on skill," Lacmanovic says.

"But as for the Yugoslav national team, it only plays well for one half instead of two."

He does not agree that Australian soccer is similar to that in England and Scotland.

"There they mostly go for the ball. Here they often go for the man instead," he said.

Lacmanovic often played against Preston-Macedonia's Zarko Odzakovic in Yugoslavia, while Odzakovic was with Vardar. He also played against Ivo Prskalo, previously with Marconi, and Eddie Krncevic, now with Dinamo Zagreb.



Dragan Lacmanovic, former Yugoslav international now with Footscray J.U.S.T.

Heidelberg gets tough

Heidelberg-Alexander coach Brian Garvey has been told to get tough with his players, following Charlie Yankos's send-off against SM-Hellas last Sunday.

Strikers Steve Winn and Scott Patterson missed two matches each because they were sent off in a National Cup match, and Don Macleod is close to being suspended after being shown the yellow card again against Hellas.

"I'll be speaking to Brian Garvey and asking him to take a tougher line," Heidelberg president Sam Goulopoulos said on Monday morning.

"The players have to be more disciplined on the park. They have to stop and think and realise the implications of their actions."

"The club can't afford to continue losing players at this rate. We have a chance to win the championship but not with these stupid actions."

Goulopoulos said referee Stewart Mellings had no option but to send Yankos off the field after Yankos had kicked Oscar Crino last Sunday. "However, Yankos was retaliating over an atrocious challenge by Crino," Goulopoulos said. "I'm disappointed in Charlie's action, but he's usually a very fair player."

Maradona, 'Kaiser' on move

Franz Beckenbauer has replaced Jupp Derwall as coach of West Germany and Diego Maradona has transferred from Barcelona to Napoli for a world record \$8.6 million.

As the world's richest transfer market closed, Italian football clubs also acquired Rummenigge, Socrates, Junior and Mark Hateley from England.

Meanwhile, Jesper Olsen's boyhood love for Manchester United clinched his one million sterling (\$A1.66 million) move from Dutch club Ajax Amsterdam.

The Danish international completed the formalities of signing a three-year contract with the English first division club after passing a medical examination.

Maradona's transfer fee, if confirmed, beats by \$375,500 the previous highest, paid when Maradona joined Barcelona.

Franz Beckenbauer, — "Der Kaiser" — has agreed to take charge of the West German team until the 1986 world cup finals.

Beckenbauer, 39, won a record 103 caps for his country and led it to victory in the World Cup in 1974.

Although he cannot be appointed trainer as he has no coaching diploma, Beckenbauer said it was now certain he would work with Horst Koepfer, Derwall's last assistant.

Derwall, 57, resigned after West Germany's 1-0 defeat by Spain cost it a place in the European championship semi-finals in France. He was the first West German manager to quit before the end of his contract, due to expire in 1986.

Beckenbauer originally was expected to take charge of the national team only until Helmut Benthaus, coach of new West German champion Stuttgart, became available.

His contract runs out in 1985, but Beckenbauer said Benthaus had ruled out a move to the national team next year.

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge of Bayern Munich became Italy's big signing of the year last April when Inter Milan agreed to pay \$4.4 million for him.

Socrates rejected overtures by Roma in 1983, but Fiorentina managed to secure him for \$2.7 million from Corinthians of Brazil last month.

Manchester United told AC Milan to stop pursuing Ray Wilkins, but the Italians knocked at the door until the English club agreed to sell him for \$2.1 million.

— WALTER PLESS

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THE WAR IS ON!

The war between the National League and the ASF has been simmering for some time. It will be fought this year. Nothing is more certain.

The NSL shouldered arms last week when all the clubs pledged unity — so much so that St George Budapest was warned not to step out of line again the way it did when it broke an NSL ban on releasing players for the international series.

A number of alternative formats for the 1985 NSL competition have been sent to the clubs for their comments, and a decision on how the league will be run next year will be made within a month.

In the absence of the \$240,000 sponsorship money it had expected through ASF Marketing Ltd, the NSL will refuse to allow its players to play for Australia in non-World Cup matches unless the NSL clubs are paid a fee.

What's more, the NSL will push for greater representation on the ASF. It wants power equal to that of the biggest States, NSW and Victoria, which at the moment have 50 per cent of the vote between them.

As from next year, under arrangements made in 1983, the NSL clubs will have a 25 per cent vote on their respective State federations, "so they will be better placed to have their own ASF delegates elected."

The NSL is angry that the money paid by Channel 9/28 for television rights went to ASF Marketing. In future, say league officials, the NSL will negotiate directly with Channel 9/28 over TV rights for NSL matches.

ASF Marketing is expected to offer the NSL clubs sponsorship money if they agree to play under State control and forfeit their own management committee.

That will tickle the hip pocket nerve, but most clubs



LAURIE SCHWAB

already have declared they are not interested. They want to retain their autonomy.

If the NSL withholds players from the national squad, the ASF is expected to invoke a clause in all players' contracts stipulating that the players would be released for national team duty when required.

The league then would close ranks and refuse a game to all players who did not comply with the NSL's directions.

The ASF's ultimate weapon is to outlaw the NSL, which presumably would continue outside the auspices of FIFA.



Bobby McLachlan

Bobby McLachlan replaced Jimmy Rooney as coach of Green Gully yesterday (Tuesday).

And Gully sacked David Smallman, the former Welsh international, and fined striker Paul Lewis \$100.

Rooney, who made 100 Soccer appearances, was appointed coach of Green Gully late last year after ending his playing career with Victorian State League club, Croydon.

"I met earlier today (Tuesday) with Jimmy and it was mutually agreed that for the benefit of the club another coach should take over," said Gully president Guy Spiteri.

"We parted on good terms. In fact, later today Jimmy will meet with Bobby McLachlan

to bring Bobby up to date with the playing situation within the club."

Smallman, the former Everton and Wrexham star who joined Gully in 1982, has had an unhappy season. Injury and poor form plagued him this

year. Now Gully claims that he has breached his contract and has dumped him.

The club claims that Smallman left the ground midway through last Friday night's training session, without permission.

Lewis has been fined following an incident at that same training session. Gully claims that he refused to go back out onto the field for shooting practice at the end of training.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Rooney goes, Smallman too

Charlton back to Juve

Brisbane Lions defender, John Charlton, flew into Hobart late on Friday afternoon to rejoin Tasmanian State League leader, Juventus-Pioneer.

Charlton, son of Jackie Charlton and nephew of Bobby, played in midfield for Juventus the following day as the Italian side demolished Croatia-Glenorchy 6-0. Juventus coach, Ken Morton,

was delighted to have Charlton back.

Charlton's only comment after the match was directed, in jest, at his team mates: "Last week you lost, today we won." On reflection, it was an apt remark.

Charlton's decision to return to Tasmania was made following last week's internal upheavals at Lions. "I returned to Tasmania because Brisbane Lions have got a lot of internal

problems at the moment," he said. "The wrong people are running the club. The officials and some of the players really gave Harry Noon a hard time and he resigned on Thursday night. In my own mind, I felt I just had to leave."

When it was learned that Charlton was leaving Lions, Blacktown and George Cross immediately expressed interest, but, with the transfer deadline falling on the weekend, Charlton had to move quickly.

"I didn't have time to talk with these clubs," he explained. "I know a lot of people in Tasmania and it was easier to get things moving and finish the season down there. Next year, I'd be open to offers from the mainland again."

Charlton has won three consecutive championships in Tasmania, with Caledonians, Rapid and Juventus. Juventus are leading the Cadbury State League at the moment so Charlton looks like making it four in a row. "Why not?" he replied when asked about this possibility.

— RICKY ROSSO

No cash, so Noon quits

Former Brisbane Lions coach Harry Noon may take legal action against the club after resigning last week.

Noon, who had an eight-week notice agreement with the Lions, is unhappy with a deduction from his termination pay, which club officials say was for "excessive expenditure."

Noon, who took over at Lions only four months ago, resigned last week, only 24 hours after the club's board had told its players win and draw bonuses could not be paid.

The club, which guaranteed to meet normal loss payments, said all monies owing would be paid up by November 30.

Noon claimed he could not work at the club with that hanging over the players and announced his resignation in a television interview.

But the reasons for his departure obviously went deeper than that as he was later quoted as saying "the mouths" of the board had finally got their way.

"I have not been given a fair go," Noon said.

But a legal wrangle could develop over the financial settlement between the two parties. Under Noon's agreement with the club he was entitled to eight weeks' pay following his resignation.

Lions agreed to pay Noon, less the excessive expenditure, which is understood to be a substantial telephone bill.

But Lions are unworried if the matter goes further.

"We are not concerned about any possible legal action. There is no written contract and we have met our part of what was a verbal agreement," a club official said.

Lions have got a lot of internal

Dr Corrigan tells what Arok, Vlasits have in common...

Australian Soccer at international level has not been renowned for its consistency over the past 15 years, with a passing parade of coaches, players and styles.

However, there is one thread that links the teams of the late 60s with the current Socceroos squad: team doctor Brian Corrigan.

Corrigan has been an invaluable part of the Australian international soccer scene since the 60s when he accompanied Joe Vlasits' quest for a place in the World Cup in Mexico.

Ironically, Corrigan is again part of another quest for Mexico, having in between tended to the ailments and injuries of

the 1974, 1978 and 1982 Socceroo campaigners.

On the Thursday night after the Socceroos had beaten Iraklis 2-0 in their second last match of the gruelling international series, it was to Corrigan that I turned with a question that had been puzzling many observers during the series.

That question was: how had the Socceroos managed to last so well throughout the gruelling schedule, yet still come up buzzing match after match.

Admittedly the Australians sagged visibly on the 1st night in Adelaide, but by then they

were mentally jaded and not even the motivational skills of Arok could keep the Socceroos' heads up.

By then they had had enough.

Before the Thursday game in Sydney Arok had claimed he was expecting a victory.

"The Rangers match was our New Zealand World Cup game, Juventus was the Israel clash and tonight was Taiwan," Arok said before the Sydney-Iraklis match.

That approach, and the fact that Arok made five changes for the Adelaide game, certainly led to the Australian team coming down off its "high".

But how did the team last so long?

"It was the result of many contributing factors," Corrigan said. "None the least being the incredible intelligence of Frank."

"We've had some great coaches of the Australian team, men who know a great deal about coaching and the game itself.

"But Frank knows how to run the organisation as well — how to handle the players, how to handle the hotels, the food, the Press, the whole lot.

"It's really impressive watching him in action," Corrigan said.

Corrigan said that if the general public was impressed with the fitness of the Socceroos, so was he.

"We had them in for a fitness test when they joined the training camp and I can say that I was very impressed with the fitness of all the members of the 'A' squad.

"There wasn't one who needed extra work.

"It is a sign of the times. Not only has the national League benefited soccer, but also the general attitude of society."

Corrigan said that with the current trend in society

towards fitness and more consciousness about health it made it easier for sportsmen to attain higher standards.

"The squad looked after themselves. You can see a greater emphasis on fitness.

"Whereas in the past we had players who couldn't have been said to relish physical training, now the whole squad knuckles down and gives 100 percent at each training session."

Corrigan said that playing as professionals during the tournament had certainly helped the players both physically and mentally.

Their ability to recover from strenuous matches had a lot to do with the fact that they could relax after matches and did not have the pressure of returning to work the next day, he said.

"It was only part of the overall reason, but had an important effect," he said.

Corrigan said the Australian team had a tremendous spirit, partly because of the competitiveness within the squad.

"It's funny, but the fact that every player knew he was not indispensable bound them together.

"It made them all fight that little bit more, because they all wanted to keep their positions.

"And yet the reserves never sulked or seemed depressed.

"Whenever there was a victory it was the squad that celebrated."

He said the fact that there was a 'B' squad had also helped bind the 'A' team together.

"It was a smart move having that 'B' team, because although I don't think there will be many changes to the 'A' team, there was always the 'B' team lurking in the background."

"And especially after that first weekend, when everyone said the 'B' team was more en-



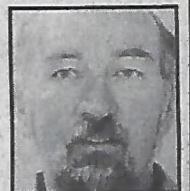
Dr Brian Corrigan (extreme left, middle row), with Australia's 1969 World Cup Squad. From left, top row: Les Bordes (manager), Alan Marnoch, John Watkiss, Stan Ackery, George Keith, Tom Patrick (officials), Joe Vlasits (coach). Middle row: Dr Corrigan, Ron Corry, Gary Manuel, David Zeman, Don Sandell, Ray Baartz, Jim Fraser, Brian le Fevre (ASF secretary). Front: John Perin, Billy Vojtek, Attila Abonyi, Johnny Warren, Willie Rutherford, Danny Walsh, Joe Alagic, Tommy McCall.

also the advent of the young Socceroos which has given players like Jennings, Mitchell, Farina and so on the chance to get experience.

"We are now seeing the results of the first seven years of the NSL, and I think everyone will agree that if the Socceroos can now play as they do, the NSL must continue," he said.

Rudi van Altena 'knifed'

Rudi van Altena (pictured) was able to pull the knives out of his back after resigning as coach of Victorian State League club Ringwood Wilhelmina last week.



Wilhelmina secretary Hans Lechner also resigned, but his resignation wasn't accepted by the committee and Lechner was considering his future with the club as we went to press.

Cor Teeuw, formerly van Altena's assistant, has taken over as coach.

"It was impossible for me to go on. It's a well known fact around the club that some committeemen don't like me and after the verbal and written abuse I've had to put up with recently, I had no alternative but to resign," said van Altena.

There have been a lot of knives pricking me in the back this year. It's been a slow, drawn-out process. I've even received letters of abuse from

people very closely connected with the club. van Altena took over as coach last year after Nick van Egmond quit. A former First Division player in his native Holland, van Altena came to Victoria in the early 1980's and played with Wilhelmina. Juventus and Richmond. He then coached Wilhelmina before concentrating on gaining his Bachelor of Arts and physical education degrees.

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National coach Frank Arok (left) instructs defender Charlie Yankos.

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Zbigniew Boniek recalls old rival Rachwalski



Zbigniew Boniek (left), welcomed in Melbourne by Barbara Mysko, Polonia president Mike Zurek and Polonia official Tom Ostrowski.



Boniek in action for Juventus, against Australia's Alan Davidson in Adelaide.

During the recent World Soccer Series, Polish and Juventus superstar Zbigniew Boniek gave perhaps his only comprehensive interview in Australia when he was guest of honour at a Polonia function at Polish House in Melbourne.

Boniek was presented with a commemorative gold ring and a team jacket during the evening and guests including the local Polish Press had the privilege of asking many questions of their superstar.

Here's just some of the dialogue:

QUESTION: After playing club football with Widzew Lodz and Juventus as well as representing Poland, which matches do you rate as your most memorable?

BONIEK: At this stage of my career the performance of the Polish team in the last World Cup in Spain when we finished third has proven to be the highlight but there were many great moments with both Widzew and Juventus.

QUESTION: You have been called to represent Poland in the upcoming elimination matches for the Mexico World Cup. How do you see Poland's chances?

BONIEK: Poland's performances in the past World Cups have given supporters of Polish football many pleasant memories. However, in the qualifying group I rate Belgium as favourites. The second-placed nation has a further chance to qualify in repechage matches and on that basis I believe Poland should make it to Mexico.

QUESTION: Followers of Juventus claim the club has the strongest attack of any club in the world with yourself, Rossi and Platini. What is your opinion?

BONIEK: I'm honoured that public opinion rates us so highly, but there are many teams in all parts of the globe that have talented players in attack with great understanding and the ability to score goals. Personally, I cannot honestly say that I am a more dangerous player because I am in the same team as Rossi and Platini. Both obviously are outstanding players but a lot depends upon how well you are marked. If opponents give us the space to play, then they are in for a hard time.

QUESTION: As a youngster learning the skills of the game, you must have had an idol which you hoped to emulate?

BONIEK: There was a time when I was a great admirer of Kaz Deyna the ex-Poland captain, but as I matured as a player there were no idols. There are great players that you recall depending on the topic of soccer conversation. For example, tonight memo-

ries come to me of Widzew's clashes with Slask Wroclaw when I was learning the ropes in the Polish First Division.

I am re-acquainted with Tadek Rachwalski, the ex-Slask captain who later played with Polonia in Victoria. Tadek was a formidable opponent and I can still feel some of his bone-crunching tackles. Other great players at Slask were Zmuda (now with Verona) and Garlowski (now with Polonia-Sydney).

QUESTION: The soccer public in general is asking whether you will remain at Juventus next season. Either way, which other European club would you like to play with one day?

BONIEK: Polonia-Melbourne (Boniek obviously needs geography lessons).

QUESTION: Briefly, what advice do you have for up and coming young players that wish to succeed in soccer?

BONIEK: Don't drink, don't smoke and lots of hard work.

QUESTION: How have you adapted to the fervour of Italian soccer in general?

BONIEK: Recently, one of the Italian newspapers published a popularity poll amongst Juventus supporters and you have to remember that in all, they total in the vicinity of 20 million. Cabini was voted the most popular and I was second. Since I am a

foreign player that gave me a lot of personal satisfaction. Overall, I must say the Italians are very fine supporters who show the extremes of emotion toward their club or nation in good or bad times. If you fail to win you are on your own, but when you win they are fantastic.

QUESTION: On the field you are a master. What is the major supportive role others have played in your success?

BONIEK: I'm a typical Pole and often ask myself what would I be without my wife. I've had a lot of success in sport and I must say about 80% of it is due to the support of my wife and having a happy family atmosphere around me. Men often are embarrassed to talk about it but women do have a great influence on your success in life.

QUESTION: Unfortunately, you are in Australia only for a very short time. What opinion have you formed of the country?

BONIEK: I am fascinated by this country in all aspects, its climate, development, the buildings and lifestyle. I've often thought what it would be like here and wanted to visit for a long time. Playing soccer has finally given me the chance. I am sure the standard of soccer will grow as the country keeps growing and I envy the amount of Poles that have that I will return for a longer stay, sometime in the future.

QUESTION: Everything depends on the coach. One minute you can be an established international, the next you're not even in a squad of 40. Look at Peter Treddinck for example. Les Scheinflug had taken a shine to him but Les went, Frank took over, and Peter wasn't selected in either the 'A' or 'B' squads for the recent series.

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World Cup must be at Olympic Park: Murphy

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Ken Murphy has no doubts about where Australia should play its World Cup qualifying games at home.

"Olympic Park, definitely," says the 27-year-old Socceroo midfielder, now a giant in the national team after great displays in the recently completed World Soccer Series.

"Olympic Park has the best surface for soccer in Australia and the best stadium. I'm really confident that we'll get at least 20,000 to our home games in the World Cup and I'm hoping that we can play on a real soccer ground. The SCG is a nightmare. The cricket pitch there is rock-hard, there are lines all over the place and you're a million miles from the spectators."

If Murphy isn't selected in national coach Frank Arok's squad for the world tour later this year, it will be a bombshell, but not one which will unduly ruffle the former Dundee United left winger.

"Okay, I'd be really disappointed but if Frank Arok thinks that someone else can do a better job than me, then I can accept that. Frank's there to make decisions like that. And there's no way that any player is in a position to say that he's done a good job in the past so he should automatically stay in the squad."

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Two first-team games (against Arbroath and Morton) and two seasons later, Murphy was freed. He had his mind set on going overseas, to join Croatia, but the paper work took time, so his last three months in Scotland were spent with Forfar Athletic.

Murphy's first day in Australia brought promise of great things. His second day brought him back to the realities of State League soccer.

"Dujie Zemunik took me to Olympic Park the day I arrived here for a night match between a Fitzroy Alexander South Melbourne Hellas select and a touring Greek side. I saw this tremendous stadium with a crowd of 15,000 giving it a magic atmosphere and I thought: This'll do me fine."

"The next day I saw Croatia's home ground, then at Montgomery Park, and I honestly thought twice about signing with them."

Murphy describes 1977, his first season with Croatia, as "a disaster".

"But the following year we bought Steve Kokoska, Tommy Cunningham, Howard Andrews, John Kennedy, Alan Kerr and George McMillan. That was the start of the good times for Croatia and the side that won just about everything in 1978 and 1979 was the best outfit, personality-wise, that I've ever been with."

But there also were lows at Croatia.

"When I first got here I couldn't believe the way the committee used to meet on



Ken Murphy

country were writing the story of Hellas' unpredictable slump. Rasic's sacking, the arrival of new coach Len McKendry, then the team's gradual restoration of status.

Where did Hellas go wrong last year?

"I don't want to be drawn into comment about coaches but I'm prepared to say that training five nights a week under Rale eventually wore thin with the players. It was great at first. It was like being a professional player again and there were so many good players around you that you never would have thought that things wouldn't go well."

"Okay, we were a disaster in the Ampol Cup but we had a new team and we all thought that it would take time but we still would be successful that year."

"In the end, the five nights a week at training got me down. It started to encroach on my family life. Finally, the great atmosphere we had at training disappeared."

Murphy is optimistic about Hellas' chances of winning the championship this year, but his optimism is tempered by caution. Last season still sticks in his craw.

"I'm hoping we can do it. I don't see why we shouldn't. We've got good players and we're a good team."

How does he describe Hellas' style of play?

"I've got to be a bit careful here. Len McKendry is pretty secretive about some of the things we do. Let's say that we play a controlled, attacking game. Len's changed a lot of things from what I remember of him at Croatia and with the

Victorian State team. We're more direct. We get forward quicker. But Len's overall philosophy on how the game should be played hasn't changed."

Murphy's first game with Victoria was in 1981, in a 1-1 draw with tourists Dinamo Zagreb. He's made seven State appearances.

His first game for Australia was against England last year. He sat on the bench in the opening match, a 0-0 draw in Sydney, came on as a sub in England's 1-0 win in Brisbane, then played a full game when Australia drew 1-1 with England in Melbourne.

"I never get nervous before playing for Australia. Just very excited. It's really something to look forward to."

Murphy's stature as an Australian international grew during the Socceroo's successful defence of the Merlion Trophy in Singapore late last year.

Australia won the Merlion Trophy by downing Singapore "A" 4-2 in the final.

"The atmosphere in the final was unbelievable. The stadium was packed. There were 64,000 people watching. It was incredible."

"But the team that impressed me most was China. They beat us 2-1 in our first game and were desperately unlucky to get beaten by Singapore in their semi-final. The Chinese were a tremendous side."

Murphy now is an established, well performed Socceroo. The recent series involving Australia "A" and "B", Juventus, Manchester United, Glasgow Rangers, Iraklis and Nottingham Forest saw that.

"Iraklis and Rangers really wanted to win Juventus wanted to compete but whether or not they wanted to win the Italian championship or a European trophy, I just don't know."

"Okay, our results were great. You can't take anything away from the lads or from Frank Arok. But I'm really looking forward to playing in a really vital, competitive game."

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STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
St. Albans	10	1	3	16	11	21
Heidelberg Utd	8	1	3	15	10	17
Footscray	8	1	2	29	12	17
B.U. Juventus	7	2	2	11	16	16
Green Gully	5	2	5	21	14	12
Melb. Croatia	5	1	4	15	13	11
Nuna City	5	1	5	18	27	11
Sun. George Cross	3	4	4	15	16	10
Preston	3	4	3	14	15	10
Marvell	2	2	15	22	6	6
Frank. Pines	1	1	9	15	33	3
Knox City	0	2	10	7	51	2

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Doug Brown

Croatia — the dark horse

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Although South Melbourne Hellas beat league leader Heidelberg 2-0 last Sunday, it is Melbourne Croatia — beaten only once in the past five rounds — that has emerged as the dark horse for the National Conference championship.

Peter Lewis, who has had to be content with sitting on the bench for the past two weeks, is likely to be back in defence against Adelaide City Juventus at Olympic Park tomorrow, but coach Tony Vrzina still has a problem in trying to fit in Jim Campbell.

Campbell, Croatia's most expensive recruit, would have to displace one of the midfielders, but all four of them — Josip Biskic, Jozo Antolovic, Steve Gojovic and Tommy Cumming — are playing exceedingly well.

Antolovic had been the most vulnerable until two weeks ago, when he lifted his form. He has scored in successive games against Makedonia and Juventus.

Robert Markovac, 16, maintains his precocious brilliant in attack, but David Brogan came off after scoring two goals last Sunday, and there are doubts about his fitness.

Juventus will bring to Melbourne its Italian guest players Nello Scarpa and Tommaso Talerico who have been wowing the South Australian fans. Their presence, plus that of perpetual crowd-pleasers Charlie Villani, Sergio Melita and Joe Mullen, should ensure a healthy crowd at Olympic Park.

Makedonia coach Peter Ollerton meanwhile is under pressure from the fans after the 6-4 loss to Footscray J.U.S.T. last Sunday. Stones were thrown at Ollerton at the match by a hoodlum element in the crowd.

Makedonia captain George McMillan is one of four players sent off last Sunday. The others are Glen Fantana (Wollongong), Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) and Derek Todd (Newcastle-Rosebud).

But while McMillan will serve a suspension against Brisbane City at Connor Reserve this week, defender Ian Dobson should be back after injury.

Similarly, Brisbane City will regain Frank Pimblett, who has served his suspension. Brisbane City signed midfielder Tim O'Mayne and striker Steve Walsh from amateur club Noosa last week and used them against Brisbane Lions, but neither is likely to get a run against Makedonia.

Green Gully's next task is against Hellas, and if Spiteri's threat that 'players' heads will roll' is carried out, we may see a reshuffled line-up. Hellas should remain at full strength, as it came out of its match against Heidelberg unscathed.

One more victory could put Hellas on top of the National Conference ladder.

Olympic newcomer George Hionitis, meanwhile, was chosen last week in the NSW Combined High School squad which will tour New Zealand. Hionitis, who, like Alex Lambropoulos is making a bid for a regular place in the Olympic team, is student at Birrong High School.

Team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in team of the week.

POWER (1) (Newcastle-Rosebud)			
SHILLABEER (1) (AC-Juventus)	VASQUEZ (1) (Bris. Lions)	O'CONNOR (1) (SC-Hakoah)	NIVEN (1) (Bris. Lions)
PATIKAS (2) (Syd. Olympic)	SCARPA (1) (AC-Juventus)		
LATIF (2) (Ges. Cross)	LOWE (1) (Marconi)	BROGAN (1) (Melb. Croatia)	LUJIC (1) (Feats JUST)

St. George Budapest hopes to have Dez Marton fit again for its clash with Brisbane Lions who are under a new coach, Gordon Arrowsmith. Marton has been out with a damaged hamstring.

Saints however, were due to lose coach Frank Ark, who was to leave for Frankfurt for medical advice about a troubling neck injury.

Youth international goalkeeper Chris Hummell will make his second appearance for Melita Eagles, against APIA, following his release on loan from Canberra Arrows.

Hummell conceded two goals to Sydney Hakoah last weekend, and can expect a similar sort of match on Sunday, as APIA looks to be Hakoah's main challenger for the championship.

Don Allan is expected to return after suspension, but that won't be enough to defeat APIA.

Sunday's NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:
MELBOURNE CROATIA v Adelaide City Juventus at Olympic Park, 3pm.

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA v Brisbane City at Connor Reserve, 3pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Green Gully at Middle Park, 3pm.

Sunshine George Cross v HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER at Chaplin Reserve, 3pm.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v BU Juventus at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30pm.

Brisbane Lions v ST GEORGE BUDAPEST at Richland, 3pm.

Melita Eagles v APIA-LEICHHARDT at Melita Stadium, 3pm.

Blacktown v MARCONI at Gabbie Stadium, 3pm.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v Wollongong at Sydney Athletic Field, 3pm.

SYDNEY CROATIA v Penrith at King Tomislav Park, 3pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Canberra Arrows at Pretton Park, 3pm.

Bradley surges

John Bradley of APIA has increased his lead in the voting for our Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award, while Tony Franken of Canberra has displaced John Kosmina in second place.

Kosmina has increased his lead in the \$1000 Boral Bricks top scorer award.

Top vote-getters:

- Bradley (APIA).
- Franken (Can).
- Kosmina (SC).
- Wade (GC).

- P. Tredinnick (APIA).
- McIntosh (Pen).
- Jackson (BL), Yankos (H'berg).
- McPherson (ME), Wotherspoon (Pen).
- Murphy (SM).
- Farina (Can), O'Keefe (GC).

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- D. Brown (SM), Lowe (Mar), Katholos (SO).
- Farina (Can), Bradley (APIA), Patterson (H'berg).
- Arnold (S.Cr.), Marton (St.G), Brandt (Newc), Konstantopoulos (WA).
- Liddell (BC), Bromfield (BC).
- Katholos (SO), McMillan (Mak), Biskic (M.Cr), Wishart (H'berg).
- Melita (AC).
- McDowell (JUST).
- Top scorers:
- Kosmina (SC).
- D. Brown (SM), Lowe (Mar), Katholos (SO).
- Farina (Can), Bradley (APIA), Patterson (H'berg).
- Arnold (S.Cr.), Marton (St.G), Brandt (Newc), Konstantopoulos (WA).

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

WOLLONGONG 0 APIA 3 (Gray, Caban, Bradley) at Toward Park. Ratings by Philip Micallef:

WOLLONGONG: Vardoulakis 6, C. Gray 7, Willie 5, Vilestira 7, Hristovski 6, Kerr 7, Bundalo 7, Gaffney (Kotamandis 22nd), 6) Fleming 6 (Dickson 72nd) — Beggs 7, Fontana 6 (sent off 59th) Coach: Adrian Alston.

APIA: Parkes 7 — Bozanic 7, Bertogna 7, Pullen 7, Brown 6 — Butler 7, Gray 7, Tredinnick 6 (De Ceglie 70th) — Bradley 7, Caban 6 (Genovese 74th), Morsello 6, Coach: Fil Bottulico.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Bradley (A), 5. Pullen (A), 4. Vilestira (W), 3. Gray (A), 2. Bozanic (A), 1. Green (W).

CANBERRA 2 (Farina 23rd, Bryant penalty 37th) **NEWCASTLE 1** (Todd 60th) at National Sports Centre. Crowd: 1607. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA: Franken 8, Jones (Brookbank 27th), 7), Harkins 7, Redmond 8, Mihalidis 7, Bryant 7, Serranoff 7, Hogg 7, Gibson 7, Farina 7, Reis 7 (Phillips 64th) Coach: Doug Collins.

NEWCASTLE: Dorman (Power 18th), 9), Maier 7, Allen 7, Boogaard 7, Thompson 7, Senkalski 7, Jones 8, MacQuarrie 7, Milosevic 7, Todd 8, Brandt 7, Coach: Willie Gallagher.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Power (N), 5. Franken (Can), 4. Todd (N), 3. Redmond (C), 2. Jones (C), 1. Gibson (C).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Koczka 16, Batten 63) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2** (Patikas 53, Theodorakopoulos 82) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4655. Ratings by Peter Scott:

BUDAPEST: Greedy 8, Skeen 8, Patcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 7, J. O'Shea 8, Ricos 3, Stone 8, Berton 7, Batten 8 (Perovski 80), Koczka 8, Slater 8, Coach: Frank Ark.

OLYMPIC: Meier 6, Rogers 6, Lambropoulos 8, Coady 7, Phillips 7, Raskopoulos 7, Patikas 8, Katholos 7, Soper 7 (Koussas 42), 7), Theodorakopoulos 8, Kalantzis 8, Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Patikas, 5. Theodorakopoulos (both Olympic), 4. Ricos, 3. Patcliffe, 2. Koczka (All Budapest), 1. Lambropoulos (Olympic).

MARCONI 2 (Lowe 28th, Brown 32nd) **SYDNEY CROATIA 0** at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2424.

Ratings by Mick Mikolajczyk.

MARCONI: James 8, Spanos 7, Calderon 7, Henderson 7, Rizzotto 7, McCulloch 7, Mason 8, Jankovics 8, Lowe 9, Brown 7, Sharpe 8, Coach: Les Scheinflug.

SYD. CROATIA: Watson 8, Woods 8, Sterrey 7, Drinkwater 7, Tomasich 8, Kovacic 7 (Godzik 67th), Savor 7, Rezo 6, Clinch 7, Boden 6 (Meades 67th), Arnold 6, Caretaker coach: Bruno Vidali.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Lowe (M), 5. Mason (M), 4. James (M), 3. Jankovics (M), 2. Watson (C), 1. Tomasich (C).

PENRITH CITY 2 (Jackson 66, Cotton 80) **BLACKTOWN CITY 0** at Cook Park. Crowd: 1807. Ratings by Paul Goodwin:

PENRITH CITY: Gibson 8 — Brogan 7, Hale 7 (Dale 85), Cross 6, McIntosh 7 — Wotherspoon 6, Campbell 7, Fitzharris 8 — Hunter 5 (Easthouse 46th), 7), Cotton 6, Jackson 7, Coach: Willie Wallace.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 7 — Wheatley 7, Skellern 5, Dunleavy 6, Pointer 7 — Selvaige 6, Byrne 6, Quarby 8, Sandy 6 — Mountford 6, Larkin 5 (Woolbourne 72), Coach: Casey de Bruin.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Fitzharris (P), 5. Quarby (B), 4. Gibson (P), 3. McIntosh (P), 2. Wheatley (B), 1. Hale (P).

MELITA EAGLES 0 HAKOAH 1 (Lee 67th, Kosmina 89th) at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 1263 (tickets sold).

Ratings by Alex Vesic.

MELITA EAGLES: Hummell 7, McAusland 8, Wilson 8, McGinn 7, H. Tredinnick 7, Davies 6, Jameson 6, Griffiths 7, Lain 7, McKie 6, Johnston 7 (Duarte 64th), Coach: Paul Blanco.

HAKOAH: Pezzano 7, Rodrigues 8, Robertson 7, S. O'Connor 8, De Marigny 6, Barnes 7, Watson 6, Gomez 6, Lee 7, Kosmina 6, Murray 6, Coach: Eddie Thompson.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. O'Connor (H), 5. Wilson (ME), 4. McAusland (ME), 3. Rodrigues (H), 2. Tredinnick (ME), 1. Barnes (H).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

GREEN GULLY 2 (Wade 13m, 88m) **SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 3** (Latif 28m, 63m, 79m pen) at Green Gully Reserve. Attendance: 1500 (estimated). Ratings by Peter Desira:

GREEN GULLY: Denys 6, McLelland 5, Cannell 5, Williams 5, Hogben 6, Wade 8, Vassallo 5, Smart 5 (Mancinelli 74m), Lewis 5, Carter 7, McGuiness 5, Coach: Jimmy Rooney.

GEORGE CROSS: Costello 5, Bain 7, O'Reilly 7, R. McLaren 7, Scerri 7, Jovanovic 8, Faulkner 7, De McLaren 7, Latif 9, Toal 8, McGorian 8, Coach: Billy Wilkinson.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Latif, 5. Toal, 4. Wade, 3. Jovanovic, 2. McGorian, 1. Carter.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Murphy 42nd, Crino 44th) at Olympic Village. Crowd: about 10,000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Russell 8, Blair 7, Zvendoom 7, kalafatis 8 — DAVIDSON — Halford 7, Crino 7, Murphy 8 — Egan 8, Brown 7, Coach: Len MacKendry.

HEIDELBERG: Oker 9 — McKie 8, Yankos (sent off 15th), Macleod 8, Gabrielson 8 — Selemidis 8, Angele 7, Valentine 7 — Tzintzis 7, Peterson 7, Metaxas 7, Coach: Brian Garvey.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Oker (H'berg), 5. Egan (SMH), 4. Davidson (SMH), 3. Murphy (SMH), 2. Selemidis (H'g), 1. Russell (SMH).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Talerico 7th) **WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0** at Olympic Sports Field. ratings by Frank Pangallo:

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: McNally 7, Cecere 8, Shillabeer 8, Nyskohus 8, Tobin 8, Scarpa 8, Melita 7, Villani 5, Gattenby 4, Mullen 7, Talerico 7 (Tavoni 70), Coach: edmund Kref.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 7, McGregor 6, McGachey 7, Honeyman 7, Papadopoulos 7, Atsalas (Mousoulis 9th), Stamateopoulos 60th, Pangalis 7, Manou 7, Brown 7, Konstantopoulos 6, Malavazos 6, Coach: Sam Salabasidis.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Scarpa, 5. Nyskohus, 4. Shillabeer, 3. Cecere, 2. Tobin, Manou.

FOOTSCRAY JUST 4 (Lacmanovic 10th, 36th, Lujic 43rd, 80th) **PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0** at Schintler Reserve, Melbourne. Crowd: about 3500. Ratings by Kyle Patterson.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8 — Curovic 7, McDowell 8, Kyriakoulas 6, Hazabent 7 — Karic 6, Belic 8, O'Donnell 7, Carroll 7 — Lujic 9, Lacmanovic 7 (injured Caban 73rd).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Potter 5 — Petrovski 5, Dunn 6, McMillan 6 (sent off 45th), Opsinas 6 — Iloski 5, Odzakovic 6, Campbell 6, Hays 6 — Lucchesi 5, Cole 5.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Lujic, 5. McDowell, 4. Belic, 3. Boland, 2. Lacmanovic, 1. O'Donnell.

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Vasquez 27th, McDonagh 82nd) **BRISBANE CITY 0** at Richlands. Crowd: about 1200. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

LIONS: Farrow 6, Jackson 8, Vasquez 8, Hunter 7, Niven 8, R. Stewart 7, J. Stewart 7, Cairney 6, McDonagh 8, Junna 7, Daunt 6, Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

CITY: Wishart 7, Fabrizio 7, Liddell 8, Milovanovic 7, Bromfield 6, Faico 5, Glockner 60th, O Maye 6 (Scriggins 70th), Swan 6, Mengotti 7, Walsh 7, Hamilton 5, Coach: Joe Gilroy.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Vasquez (L), 5. Liddell (BC), 4. niven (L), 3. Jackson (L), 2. McDonagh (L), 1. Junna (L).

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Antolovic 17th, Brogan 30th and 71st) at Olympic Park No. 2. Crows: 2500. Ratings by Ken Kontra:

JUVENTUS: Keogh 6 — Geremia 6, Rogers 7, Drincovic 7, Swinson 6, Campbell 5 — Cullen 6, Loyd 7, Minichiello 8 — (Saglam 64th) — Ward 6, ZINI 8, Coach: John Margaritis.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Deankovic 7, Parton 8, Curcio 7, Hannah 7 (Inj Lewis 69th) — Biskic 8, Antolovic 8, Gojovic 8, Cumming 7 — Brogan 9, (Inj Campbell 75th), Markovac 8, Coach: Tony Vrzina. Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Brogan (CR), 5. Markova (CR), 4. Antolovic (CR), 3. Parton (CR), 2. Biskic (CR), 1. Minichiello (Juv).

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Farewell to MacLaren

**Green Gully 2
Geo Cross 3**

Scorers: 1-0 Wade 13m, 1-1 Latif 28m, 1-2 Latif 53m, 1-3 Latif 79m pen, 2-3 Wade 83m.
Venue: Green Gully Reserve.
Referee: Jim Fearn 7
Cautions: McGorian (SGC), Cannell (GG), Mancinelli (GG).

Ross MacLaren's guest stint with George Cross comes to an end this week with his final game against Heidelberg.

And coach Billy Wilkinson hopes the utility player will provide the inspiration in his farewell performance and set Cross on the road away from the bottom of the table.

(Ross) MacLaren is a good player and obviously we will feel his loss but if we play like we did today and go on showing the same commitment we have in the games against Juventus and Green Gully I am confident we won't go down," Wilkinson said after the victory over Gully.

"If we can get a result against Heidelberg I feel the whole thing will snowball and the players will start believing in themselves.

"We played Green Gully off the park today — we closed people down and the forwards did a tremendous amount of work putting pressure on Gully's back four which is where they like to start it from.

"We gave them a goal start but once we got to work we made them look a bad side.

"We are not a good side ourselves but if we can keep this sort of work rate up we'll give a lot of sides a bad shake."

Indeed, George Cross — fielding \$8000 recruit Jeff Faulkner from Croatia — with the exception perhaps of keeper Tommy Costello who played a part in both Gully goals and on the day, the Cross fully deserved a victory by a much bigger margin.

Gully started the match like a house on fire and shot to the lead inside a quarter of an hour.

The goal came from a Les Carter free kick which Costello gave a poor touch to. The ball ran loose to Paul Wade who shot through a sea of legs into the back of the net.

Costello atoned for his mistake with a good save from



Paul Lewis

Peter Desira

**Man of the Match:
OSSIE LATIF
(George Cross)**

Carter five minutes later but from then on Cross started to take a firm grip of the match and had Gully back-peddalling until Ossie Latif scored a magic goal to spark off a great match in which he ended up with a deserved hat-trick.

Latif, allowed the freedom of the park by Gully's midfield and back four, left three defenders in his wake as he worked his way in from the left to unleash a shot from the centre of the box which gave Lou Denys no chance in the Gully goal.

The striker almost added a second three minutes later, latching onto a Bobby Toal centre from the right to hit a scorcher which rebounded off the upright.

Toal, another enjoying uncharacteristic freedom from the Gully back four, broke through on his own soon after the start of the second half but decided to finish himself, ballooning a shot over the bar when he could have used two Cross players better placed than he.

Cross finally hit the lead in the 63rd minute when Stuart Cannell was caught in possession by Don MacLaren, putting Cross in a three on one situation.

MacLaren beat Williams before laying the ball for Latif for the simple task of tapping it past Denys stranded in the Gully goalmouth.

Latif completed his hat-trick from the penalty spot after Steve McLelland was judged to have handled the ball after it bounced awkwardly in his attempt to clear.

But if that may have been a harsh decision, it atoned for a clearer penalty which referee Jim Fearn ignored in the first half when Willie Vassallo also handled in the area.

Gully by this time looked a completely haggard outfit and it looked on the cards that Cross would record its best victory for the year.

But with the side so in control, Cross almost let the match slip through its fingertips in the final two minutes.

Wade, the only Gully player who can honestly claim he earned his wages at the far post to head home a Jimmy Williams free kick from the right in the 88th minute.

And a minute later Vassallo collected a cross from the right by Wade only to steer the ball wide with the goal at his mercy.

As it turned out, justice was done and Cross can now look forward to the return of Gerry Bennett from suspension as well as Chris Taylor and Steve Richardson from injury to further strengthen their side for this week's encounter.

As for Gully, the alarm bells are ringing and Jimmy Rooney is in for a torrid week as he tries to unravel all the problems and stop the rot from setting in.

Unless Rooney can produce a magic wand, Gully could be in for a hiding against a Hellas side running into top gear.

Peter Windsor

painful memories of the encounter.

A boot to the face in the 25th minute left Jones with a broken nose and a badly cut mouth.

He, too, was taken to hospital — in the same ambulance as Dorman — and was replaced by Andrew Brockbank.

But in the first half Canberra was by far the better side.

It was a poorly-placed and timed back-pass that cost Newcastle the first goal.

It came in the 23rd minute as Frank Farina, using his in-



Zdravko Lujic — man of the match against Makedonia



Ossie Latif — hat-trick for George Cross



Tomaso Tallero, scoring Adelaide Juventus's winning goal against WA-Hellas. See page 6. Picture by FRANK HOBBS

'Rossi wouldn't get game': Cirkovic

**Foots JUST 4
Makedonia 0**

Scorers: Lactanovic 10th, 36th, Lujic 43rd, 80th
Ground: Schintler Reserve.
Crowd: about 3500
Cautions: McMillan (M), Odzakovic (M), Lactanovic (F)
Sent off: McMillan (M), 45th.

Referee: Bernie Upjohn 5.

In its previous 14 NSL games Footscray JUST had scored a paltry 12 goals. Hardly the record of a re-scoring combination. That's why the four-goal blitz at the weekend so delighted the JUST players and supporters and left Makedonia stunned.

In fairness to JUST, it should be noted that the team has been building towards peak form with a promising run in the NSL Cup and three subsequent league victories. But Makedonia did not expect the ruthless and clinical finishing from Dragan Lactanovic and Zdravko Lujic that devastated its defence and provided a severe jolt to its championship aspirations.

That's the story of the match JUST was in the positive near goal, Makedonia frittered away chances and, when on target, found JUST goalkeeper Dennis Boland in irresistible form.

And the positive attitude spread throughout the JUST team. In defence, Gary McDowell and Tom Karic harried their direct opponents — Gary Cole and Claude Luchessi — as if forwards had no right to touch the ball. In midfield, the collective grip of Vlatko Belic and Brian O'Donnell dulled the skills of Makedonia's playmaker Zardo Odzakovic. And up front, Lujic was like a marauding tiger.

The first half hour set the course of the match. Luchessi had two good openings but missed both, in one case putting a header over the bar from six metres when it appeared easier to score.

Between Luchessi's two misses, Lactanovic put JUST into the lead with a simple header after the Makedonia defence allowed a long free kick to drift freely in the teeth of goal. It appeared to many onlookers, and probably to the Makedonia defenders, to be a goalkeeper's ball.

But Makedonia was still in the game early, even though its forward moves were inspired by individual efforts, whereas JUST moved with fluent passing and teamwork. However, after half an hour, a decision by referee Bernie Upjohn so upset Makedonia that it was the beginning of the end.

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Referee Upjohn disallowed appeals for a penalty when Kiri Kyriakoules committed a professional foul against Odzakovic on the edge of the box. I say "edge of the box" because in my view the referee made the right decision.

Even though Makedonia almost scored from the subsequent free kick, which George Campbell squeezed through the JUST wall, the damage was done. Makedonia's captain George McMillan was cautioned soon after for dis-

credible diving save from Franken prevented a goal.

Few other goalkeepers would have kept it out. And the same could be said for Milosevic's shot seconds later. Franken could only parry it and it was left to Tommy Sermani to make the final clearance.

In the second half Canberra was sloppy, ragged and just plain complacent.

It cost them a goal, nearly netted by Derek Todd in the 60th minute when a clearance found him unmarked on the left flank. Todd's shot beat Franken and went in off the post.

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**Man of the Match:
Zdravko Lujic
(Foots JUST)**

sent, which led to his eventual expulsion on the stroke of half time for late tackle on Lujic.

The appeals for a penalty were still fresh in the Makedonia players' minds when JUST made it 2-0. McDowell played a superb pass inside Lujic Petrovski that set Lujic clear. His cross found Lactanovic, who tapped home from close range.

Two minutes before half time, Lujic scored JUST's third, and what a goal it was. Suleiman Curovic curled the ball into the penalty area where Lujic dived full length to send it firmly into the net.

Makedonia's fate was decided minutes later when McMillan departed. After losing its prime motivator, a three-goal deficit was always out of Makedonia's reach.

The game deteriorated in the second half JUST which capitulated in the second half of a few league games earlier in the season, was content to protect its impressive lead.

Makedonia pressed forward and kept Boland busy. Cole escaped from McDowell once to fire a crisp shot from 30 metres, but Boland palmed it away. An Odzakovic header again brought the best from Boland, but it was Lujic at the other end who showed the Makedonia forwards how to score with a blistering shot after breaking away from the half line.

Overall, it was a disjointed performance by Makedonia.

There is no doubt it boasts some highly talented individuals, but against JUST there was little cohesion and precious little spirit.

JUST on the other hand, is playing as a unit and a feature of its play is penetrating counter-attacks. But it can also revert to a measured build up and get plenty of players into forward positions.

The match was marred by several incidents of stone-throwing. In the first half, Boland complained to the referee that objects were being thrown at him from behind the goal. And as Makedonia coach Peter Ollerton walked to the dressing room at half time, a stone big enough to inflict significant damage flew narrowly past his head.

After the game, JUST coach Cedo Cirkovic condemned spectators who resorted to stone-throwing.

Ollerton, laconic as ever, dismissed the incidents. "It's typical of some people," he said. His real problem is getting his team back to the form which enabled Makedonia to get within a few points of the championship last season.

"We had a players' meeting last week and I told a few people to their face that a lot more was required in terms of effort," he said. "On ability we have a far better side than last year, but there's less aggression and the work rate is lower. I encourage people to work hard on the field, but it's hard to change someone's style if aggression isn't part of their game."

One player who can supply that aggression is Gordon Flavell, who has missed most of the season after suffering a broken leg. "Flavell has got the character to fight when things are down. We could certainly use a bit of that at the moment," Ollerton said.

Cirkovic, who has revived JUST since his return mid-way through the season, has a far easier problem to deal with.

"I'm so pleased with every player, it's unfair to pick anyone. If Paolo Rossi came here he would have to sit on the bench," said Cirkovic.

Byrne youth coach

Canberra Arrows new youth team coach is Terry (Tubby) Byrne, the great utility player whose career was brought to an abrupt end in a tragic close-season friendly that left him with shattered cruciate and medial ligaments in his knee.

Byrne, 25, with well over 100 NSL League and Cup games to his credit, is one of the most popular players to pull on a boot for Canberra.

And before the tragic injury Byrne was wanted by Makedonia — which had put up \$20,000 for him.

Byrne joined Canberra as a 17 year-old from Manchester in 1978 and made his NSL debut before his 18th birthday.

Said Canberra's coach Doug Collins: "I'm delighted that Terry has taken over the youth team."

"I know he still hasn't given up hopes of making a comeback — but it's good to see a former club skipper turn to coaching."

Canberra lost its previous youth team coach Vic Fernandez unexpectedly by three weeks ago when Fernandez took over the reins of NSW State League front-runners, Inter-Monaro.

The youth team is in the semi-final of the National Youth Cup and generally having its best season.

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Todd sent off, Dorman hurt

**Canberra 2
N. Rosebuds 1**

Scorers: Farina, 23rd, Bryant, penalty, 37th (Canberra), Todd (Newcastle) 60th.
Sent off: Todd (91st minute), cautions: Boogaardt, Jones, Franken.
Ref: V. Celestino, 6.
Venue: National Sports Centre, Canberra.
Crowd: 1,670.

Peter Windsor

Canberra had to fight back and reshuffle pack when young goalkeeper Steve Dorman was badly injured in a clash with Canberra striker Frank Farina in the 13th minute.

Dorman sustained a dislocated collar-bone and was replaced by full-back Neville Power — who ended up the man of the match for a courageous goalkeeping display.

Canberra's full back Roy Jones, one of the most rugged players around, will also have

**Man of the Match:
NEVILLE POWER
(Newcastle)**

credible speed, intercepted the pass and slotted it between Power's legs and into the net.

In the 37th minute, when full back Michael Boogaardt had blatantly held Canberra's forward Alan Reis, referee Vince Celestino awarded a penalty.

As usual, Canberra's dead-ball specialist Steve Bryant converted.

Canberra then pushed forward but left their back dangerously suspect.

And with just minutes remaining of the first half a half extended by six minutes for stoppages — David Jones' shot from a free-kick was beautifully struck and only an in-

credible diving save from Franken prevented a goal.

Few other goalkeepers would have kept it out. And the same could be said for Milosevic's shot seconds later. Franken could only parry it and it was left to Tommy Sermani to make the final clearance.

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Many flop, Manecas ignored

By
FRANK PANGALLO

Man of the Match:
NELLO SCARPA
(AC-Juventus)

AC-Juventus 1 WA-Hellas 0

Score: Tallarico, 7 min.
Venue: Olympic Sports Field.

Cautions: Brown (WA) Villani (AC)

Referee: D. Campbell 7. Neither side deserved to lose this scrappy derby, only occasionally broken up by touches of brilliance.

West Adelaide Hellas did more than enough to suggest it would have taken a point whereas Juve defended stoutly.

Hellas spent most of the game in Juve's half and despite all their probing, failed to breach a solid wall of defenders.

Juve was without Neville Flounders but coach Edmund Kretz plugged the gap with young Paul Shillabeer who



● Paul Shillabeer (left) and Bugsy Nyskohus join forces to stop WA-Hellas striker Nick Malavassos (right). Picture by FRANK HOBBS

offered sterling support to Bugsy Nyskohus, Alex Tobin and Joe Cecere.

In the middle, Mark Gatenby replaced the suspended Steve Maxwell.

The Juve defence absorbed wave after wave of Hellas attacks and only rarely was Willie McNally, in the Juve goal, tested.

Nello Scarpa, the classy Juve import, and Sergio Melita, carrying an injury for most of the game, were burdened with the midfield responsibilities.

Juve continues to persist with Mark Gatenby but this player continues to be an embarrassment and an insult to the intelligence of the fans. Apart from the fortuitous effort of supplying Tallarico with the pass that led to Juve's goal, Gatenby's workrate and overall contribution were negligible.

The Juve victory came largely due to the flair and individualism of the Italian imports, Scarpa and Tallarico.

Scarpa was a constant source of danger for Hellas every time he touched the ball and Tallarico's sudden turn of speed and elusive opportunism exposed glaring weaknesses in the Hellas defence.

Hellas hasn't been able to fill the very big gap left by stopper Robbie Dunn and it has been left to the old legs of Neil McGachey and Graham Honeyman to hold together what can be an extremely brittle defence.

One wonders why Hellas coach Sam Salabasides doesn't try big Chris Manou in the role.

Another puzzling oversight is the colored Portuguese Manecas. Remember him? Well he's starring in the State League where he's getting goals... something the Hellas NSL attack hasn't been able to do for weeks.



● Alex Tobin (pictured) is establishing himself with Adelaide City Juventus after transferring from West Torrens Birkalla in the SA First Division. Tobin, 18, made his NSL debut as left back against Brisbane City last Sunday week, after having played in the National Cup. Picture: FRANK HOBBS

Marconi, Croatia get star imports

Marconi 2 Syd. Croatia 0

Scorers: Lowe 28th, Brown 32nd
At: Marconi Stadium
Cautions: Rizzotto (M), Henderson (M), Watson (C)
Crowd: 2424
Referee: Doug Rennie 8

Croatia hopes to strengthen its goalscoring department next week with the inclusion of 23-year-old forward Zeljko Jurin from Yugoslav second division side Sibiric.

The young import plays with on the wing or as central striker and has scored 10 goals for Sibiric which finished fourth last season.

Marconi hopes to lure the crowds back through its former star Renato Cusocco together with Italian star Mateo Colucci from Trento.

Coach Les Scheinflug said he was looking forward to having these two class players in his side and they invariably would pull in extra spectators while at the same time increase competition for positions in the first team.

"Only those who perform will be on the park," he said.

Marconi's exciting young striker David Lowe signalled a determined bid for inclusion in the national squad to tour Asia and Europe in November with an outstanding display against Croatia last Sunday.

Lowe's speed, work-rate and commitment were of paramount importance in Marconi's success, as was the dynamic and tireless performance by midfielders, Mason, McCulloch and Jankovics.

Although Croatia was a willing opponent, Marconi always had that something extra and never looked in danger of losing.

Scheinflug directed his charges to let Croatia come at them before countering with lightning strikes by his speedsters Sharne, Brown and Lowe.

The first chance of the game fell to Croatia in the 22nd minute. Graham Arnold flicked the ball to Ken Boden but the striker, usually so deadly in the penalty area, took just a little too long and his shot was smothered by the defence.

In the 28th minute Lowe made his presence felt when



Mick Mikolajczyk

Man of the Match:
DAVID LOWE
(Marconi)

he ghosted in on Jankovics' flicked header and planted the ball in at the far post.

Four minutes later Lowe, with pace to burn, latched on to Mason's pass and made a brilliant solo run. Leaving the defence in his wake, he sped past charging goalkeeper Steve Watson and from an acute angle near the corner, bounced the ball off the near post for Rod Brown to tap in the rebound.

Croatia made a determined comeback in the second half and after two minutes, Wally Savor hit the post. Keeper Bruce James was at his best to save the rebound from Marian Kovacic.

Marconi's defence remained uncompromising and it wasn't long before they had control of the game again.

The home side's quick countering game continued to

threaten the Croatia defence and if it hadn't been for the good form of keeper Watson and fullbacks Tomasich and Woods, the visitors would have been on the end of a greater hiding.

Credit however must be given to Croatia's players as they have had to battle on week after week without a regular coach.

The club is currently negotiating with Alan West the NSW Director of Coaching and the sooner someone is appointed, the sooner the team can do justice to its fans' expectations.

Meanwhile Craig Mason, Marconi's resilient mid-fielder, cannot be kept away from the game and has, in recent weeks, been playing with a hairline fracture in his instep. He showed many fine touches and in the 85th minute set Tommy McCulloch into the clear but the resultant shot flew over the bar.

Marconi let Croatia over-commit themselves before springing forward. Even stopper Steve Calderon made a break in the 77th minute only to be failed well outside the area by keeper Watson.

Two minutes from the end Sharne used his speed to get into the clear on the right. Brown met the cross but his volley was charged down.

The last action of the game came from Croatia but keeper Bruce James brought off two consecutive saves off Steven Meades to keep the visitors scoreless.

Melita gallant in defeat



Alex Vesic

Melita Eagles 0 SC-Hakoah 2

Score: Lee 67th, Kosmina 90th.

Referee: G. Power 9. Cautions: Gomez, De Marigny, O'Connor (H), Johnstone (ME).

Hakoah completed a two-week double over Melita Eagles to increase its lead at the top of the table but failed to assert its superiority over an enthusiastic and at times entertaining Melita Eagles.

It was Grant Lee who broke the deadlock after 67 minutes with a well-taken shot from just outside the penalty area on an acute angle.

However, his shot had a vicious swerve which eluded the outstretched hands of Chris Hummel to hit the net just inside the far post.

John Kosmina's goal in the dying seconds of the game was typical of the Australian captain. After picking up a pass from Barnes he turned Rob McGinn on the edge of the area, then blasted a left footer into the roof of the net.

At the time Melita had its star defender, Ken Wilson, out front to bolster the attack in the hope of an equaliser.

They goal by Lee came at the end of a series of raids by Hakoah. Hummel was called

upon to make numerous saves from shots just inside the area and from point-blank range to keep his side on level terms. He was at his best in the 61st to save from Murray Barnes, then dive at the feet of Gerry Gomez and John Kosmina as the ball lingered inside the penalty area.

Only a few minutes later, in the 85th, Ean Rodriguez came forward, beating some four tackles to face Hummel, but the shot from some 12 metres was again well saved by the keeper. However, Hummel was beaten by a shot which appeared to be going straight at him only a couple of minutes later to decide the issue.

Melita must think itself very unlucky not to have secured a point in this match. Without its regular keeper as well as its midfield general Ray Farrugia, Melita played above all expectations during the first period.

Kenny Wilson, Melita's star player of the day, looked to have put Melita in front with a fine shot from the edge of the box in the 22nd minute, but Ean Rodriguez lunged at it to clear off the goal line for a corner.

Tony Pezzano made a fine save from a point-blank shot by Stuart Johnstone, then dived to block a shot by Wilson as the Melita defender picked up a rebound. Two fine chances to Melita in this half while Hakoah, failed to create an opening.

After the interval it was a slightly different affair, with Hakoah mounting attacks and putting pressure on Hummel and it was during this period that the side looked at its menacing best.

Steve O'Connor and Ean Rodriguez were Hakoah's best players, with O'Connor contin-

Man of the Match:
STEVE O'CONNOR
(SC-Hakoah)

uing his good form from the recent internationals. However, the same could not be said for John Kosmina and Joe Watson, who both had quiet games for players of their stature.

The loss of Jimmy Cant and Paul Kay was evident in Hakoah's midfield effort, while

Graeme Fletcher was a surprise omission from the side, with Willie Murray playing the full 90 minutes.

F. Melita, Wilson and Hummel had fine games, with Wilson a head above the rest. His defensive effort and set-play attacking involvement gave Hakoah one hell of a headache and had he had some more help up front, it would have caused the league leaders some problems.

Derek Laing had a fine afternoon and caused De Marigny some problems on the right flank. With a touch more accuracy in his crosses Pezzano would have been under a fair amount of pressure.

O'Connor returning

Penrith 2 Blacktown 1

Scorers: Jackson 66, Cotton 80.

Venue: Cook Park. Cautions: Wheatley (B) Crowd: 1807.

Referee: Ken Small 7. Blacktown had signed Rod Skellern from APIA during the week to tighten their defence, but it was in the midfield and up front that the weaknesses showed.

Perhaps the return of Phil O'Connor to full fitness may answer their need as that player had a full 90 minute run with the youth side and came through with no ill effects.

Another first team player biding his time in the seconds, Clive Eaton, showed that he has lost none of his skill by providing the touch which led to Blacktown's first goal and

poaching the second himself after a pinpoint cross from O'Connor.

It was certainly lack of punch up front which cost Blacktown any chance and they are a long way from the team which headed the section just a few weeks ago.

During the first session Penrith was only marginally superior and the game was played in a spirit. The offside flag had been up for some time when Roy Cotton finished off the seventh minute move in the half-centre which saw a Fitzharris cross headed on by Campbell for Cotton who deftly tucked the ball into the net. It was a pity that such an attractive piece of football could not be rewarded with a goal.

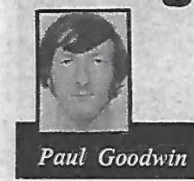
Things looked good for Blacktown when in the 33rd minute Bob Mountford found himself through and with only Gibson to beat. The keeper has come on a lot this season and did well to come off his line and fall at the feet of the former Newcastle and Brisbane City striker to prevent a certain goal.

Randell Easthorpe came on for Ian Hunter after the interval and did a lot to spark Penrith with his enthusiasm and skill. His cross on the hour was not met cleanly by Cotton who ran hot and cold all afternoon. When he was hot he put the ball in the net with ease, but in between he made a lot of silly mistakes.

Penrith struck when a skilful move involving Roy Cotton and Cliff Pointer resulted in a free-kick being awarded on the right hand edge of the penalty area. Brogan's cross was headed on by McIntosh and found Jackson who swung the ball beyond the reach of Barry Hoare.

After this, with Blacktown committed to attack, Penrith made many dangerous breaks.

Ten minutes from time, Don Campbell provided Cotton with a perfect through ball and the experienced striker rounded Hoare coolly before



Paul Goodwin

Man of the Match:
DAVID FITZHARRIS
(Penrith)

placing his shot nicely along the goal and over the line.

Penrith had several more chances before time beat them. McIntosh was only inches wide with a shot following a corner; Easthorpe failed to connect with a Cotton cross and the same player combination in the last minute produced an Easthorpe volley which only just cleared the bar.

Finally Jackson was put through again in injury time only to be foiled once more by a timely and brave dive at his feet by Hoare.

Blacktown, in going forward in the closing stages, succeeded only in making Penrith's task of scoring goals easier and failed to pose a threat themselves.

The defence was under pressure due to a lack of midfield domination and without some sort of shake-up will find the going tough in the weeks ahead.

Penrith continued on its way, collecting just enough points to stay above water, but rarely exciting anyone enough to predict big things.

There is still a long way to go this season and Penrith will need to motivate itself just a little more away from Cook Park if it is going to worry the main title contenders.



Philip Micallef

Wollongong 0 APIA 3

Venue: Towradgi Park. Crowd: Approximately 600.

Cautions: Fontana, Bundalo, Beggs, Hristovski, Fleming, Willis (all Woll).

Sent off: Fontana (W) 59th.

Referee Owens had to be escorted from the field by Wollongong officials and the police after an extraordinary match at Towradgi Park.

The referee issued six yellow cards to Wollongong players and sent off striker Glenn Fontana as the home side crashed to a 3-0 defeat against APIA, which at times looked a very slick side.

As Owens was leaving the field, Wolves officials and a handful of policemen acted as bodyguards as Wollongong's frustrated fans hurled abuse at the referee.

The match was tough throughout and the inept performance of Owens did little to control the situation.

On the contrary, most of the players, particularly Wollongong's, became frustrated and vented their anger at each other.

Man of the Match:
JOHN BRADLEY
(APIA)

But things really came to a head when a second, a highly-controversial goal 12 minutes into the second half.

With the Wolves trailing 1-0, Bradley passed to Caban who standing in an offside position, slipped the ball into the net.

Wollongong players milled around the referee and the linesman but the goal was allowed to stand.

It was here that the majority of Wollongong's players began to lose their heads and two minutes later Fontana earned his marching orders for tackling Gray fiercely.

Owens later booked Fleming for back-chatting and Willis for dissent.

The referee earlier had booked Bundalo for protesting, Beggs and Hristovski for foul play and Fontana for dissent.

Wolves secretary John Vlastakis said his club would lodge an official complaint over the referee's performance.

The other APIA goals came in the fourth minute when Gray rammed home a powerful freekick from just outside the area and 16 minutes into the second half when Bradley avoided the clumsy tackle from Willis and beat Vardareff with a delightful lob.

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Scandals, headlines and Vasquez wraps it up

Bris Lions 2 Bris City 0

Scorers: Vasquez 27th, McDonagh 82nd.
Venue: Richlands Stadium.
Crowd: about 1200
Cautions: Hunter (BL), Fabrizio (BC).
Referee: Bill Montevardo 7.

For the second time this season, Brisbane Lions junior product Roddy Vasquez emerged as his team's hero, as Lions roared to a 2-0 derby win over Brisbane City.

Following his match-winning effort to get a penalty in the dying minutes of Lions NSL Cup first round match against Marconi last month, Vasquez emerged from nowhere to score in the 27th minute of the derby which had been preceded by controversy.

Scandal hit both clubs in the build-up with Lions losing coach Harry Noon and announcing they could not pay their players any bonuses.

And across the river, it was revealed City had placed former captain Frank Liddell on the transfer list for four days after a dispute with a club official.

The headlines increased tension and nerves in both camps but Vasquez's goal broke the deadlock for Lions and gave them the impetus they needed to charge to yet another win over Brisbane City. Lions have not lost a derby since the second round in 1982.

And with a point to prove after the inner-club turmoil in the preceding week, once Lions got ahead they were never going to be beaten, and as they seemingly have done in a number of recent derbies, City folded without as much as

a fight.

City took the park with two "unknowns", on a loan from sunshine-coast club Noosa River.

City coach Joe Gilroy, who had lost captain and key midfielder Pimblett through suspension, gambled on giving striker Steve Walsh and his midfield team-mate Tim O'May their NSL debuts in city's traditionally toughest game of the year.

Walsh, the scorer of 17 goals in one match in his local competition, and the hard-working O'May did little wrong in the match but were far too inexperienced to swing the contest City's way, as Gilroy had hoped.

And with many other City players hiding from the action, Lions were made to look world beaters.

Gilroy described his team's performance as the worst he

had ever seen a city team play. And with the usual exception of Frank Liddell and Kim Wishart, there were few others who could walk from the park not embarrassed with their displays.

After Lions had muffed a free-kick they were given a second chance after a wild tackle on the edge of the box. John Stewart hit a good shot which Wishart could only palm to right where McDonagh whipped the ball to the far post for Vasquez to nod home.

The match degenerated into a scrappy affair after the break, with some wild challenges and sill bookings in light of some of the uncouth tackles. Alan Hunter was shown a yellow card for kicking the ball away while Fabrizio was cautioned for a shoulder charge on Daunt, a booking which will cost him a place against Preston Make-

donia this weekend.

Lions sealed the points in the 82nd minute with a spectacular, if a little lucky, goal.

Junna played to Cairney who found Doust's head at the far post. But he only could deflect the ball to Russell Stewart out wide. Stewart's shot was blocked and fell for Junna, who, seeing Wishart off his line, attempted a chip.

His delicate play was aided by a deflection and the ball neatly sailed over Wishart and was bouncing into the net when McDonagh raced in to make sure.

New Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith was delighted with the first-up win and described it as "The sweetest two points ever".

"I told them to go out and forget the events of last week and play football. They did that and thoroughly deserved their win," he said.

Man of the Match:
RODDY VASQUEZ
(Bris Lions)



Ricky Rosso

Gilroy was shattered and said the only injury in the squad was his "broken heart".

"We could have had Pele out there today but the service

was so bad it wouldn't have made any difference," Gilroy said.



Alan Davidson (left) and Charlie Yankos (No. 10) are best of mates, but you wouldn't think so looking at this picture. At centre are Carl Halford and Theo Solomidis. Yankos was sent off.

Young Greeks breathe fire



Peter Scott

St George 2 Syd. Olympic 2

Scorers: Kozka 16, Batten 63 (Budepest), Patikas 53, Theodorakopoulos 82 (Olympic).
Venue: St George Stadium.
Cautions: Coady, Ras-kopoulos, Kothalos (Olympic), Barton (Budepest).
Referee: Loran 7.

Blood and thunder football of the type which could fill the stands each week. That is the best description of a match which ranks right up there with the Olympic v Hakoah battle of some months ago as the year's most thrilling NSL clash.

Non-stop attacking soccer characterised both sides and a draw was perhaps the most fitting result, although Olympic coach Manfred Schefer begged to differ after the final whistle.

"We were the better side right throughout the second half and the longer it went on the more we were likely to win," he said.

A feature of Olympic's performance is the continuing "discovery" of a stream of Greek youngsters in the minor ranks.

No less than seven of them appeared in this clash.

Take for instance Nick Theodorakopoulos who, with a bit of luck and the calmness which will come with more experience, could well have won it for Olympic.

Or how about Alex Lambropoulos in the pivot of the defence, once again handicapped only by over-enthusiasm?

Olympic also provided the star of the game in Jim Patikas, who scored the undoubted goal of the years.

Bopping up on the right about 35 metres from goal, the Olympic midfielder smoothly switched into top gear.

His momentum carried him

Man of the Match:
JIM PATIKAS
(Syd. Olympic)

past three desperate tackles to a position inside the Budapest penalty area, where he fired off a sharp, low and well-placed drive into the left corner of Greedy's net.

This cancelled out an earlier goal by giant Budapest centre forward Andy Kozka, who spectacularly headed past Gary Meier from a Pedro Riley cross in the 16th minute of the match.

Budapest was well on top in the first half and easily could have established a commanding lead, even though Kothalos and Theodorakopoulos had chances which they failed to convert. Strangely enough Budapest regained the lead in the 63rd minute, while the Greek team was running rings around it.

Following a free kick Mark Barton's shot rebounded off a defender to David Batten. The young winger calmly waited for Meier to commit himself before shooting past him.

Olympic went on a rampage which nearly carried them to victory after Theodorakopoulos headed in the equaliser eight minutes from the end.

Budapest coach Frank Arok's happiest observation must have been the form of Druggay-born 18-year-old Pedro Riley, who has stamped himself a star midfielder of the future — maybe even of the present — if his form is maintained.

This week Arok hands over the reins to his long-time and experienced deputy Frank Lang.

Arok jets off to Frankfurt for a specialist opinion on a dangerous and painful neck injury which forces him to wear a brace.

An operation is likely on his return for the condition which was sustained in an accidental fall at St George Stadium some time ago.

Another casualty is goal scoring machine Dez Marion, who aggravated a hamstring injury by going back into training prematurely and has now been ordered to have a complete rest.

Heidelberg 0 SM-Hellas 2

Scorers: Murphy 32nd, Crino 44th.
Venue: Olympic Village.
Crowd: About 10,000.
Referee: Stewart Mellings 9.

Cautions: Crino (SMH), Davidson (SMH), Macleod (H's).
Sent off: Yankos (H's) 15th.

Goalkeeper Jeff Olver stood between Hellas and a big victory after Heidelberg sweeper Charlie Yankos was sent off over a clash with Oscar Crino in the 15th minute.

Olver also was man of the match in the first match of the season between these two clubs, which also ended in a 2-0 victory to Hellas. And that match also featured a dismissal — that of Charlie Egan in the 35th minute.

But whereas John Yzen-dorn was successful with an 84th minute penalty awarded in that first match, Doug Brown this time was foiled by Olver when Brown took a spot kick in the last minute of play. Olver went down to block Brown's shot, and as Brown raced in to try again, Olver cleared with his leg, while lying on the ground.

It was one of many good saves with which Olver kept Hellas's score down.

As early as the 7th minute, Olver stopped a scintillating drive from Alan Davidson. In the 28th minute he blocked a low, hard shot from Brown which bounced off the goalkeeper's body, but he scrambled after it and made it safe at the second attempt.

In the second half, Olver stuck out his left hand to deflect a shot by Brown who had got past two opponents to make space for himself and then came the penalty save.

Heidelberg, which started without Steve Winn and Scott Patterson who were suspended and Steve Marley who was injured, all but lost the game when Yankos was sent off.

Oscar Crino kicked Yankos on the shin while tackling, and Yankos retaliated by kicking Crino in a lot of pain. Yankos came rushing in to push Yankos away, and Yankos landed a punch to Davidson's face — a heat-of-the-moment action, as Davidson and Yankos are room-mates in the national squad.

Referee Stewart Mellings sent off Yankos and showed Crino the yellow card over the initial tackle.

Joe Angele dropped back to take Yankos's place in defence, and Heidelberg responded to the challenge by putting in a lot of speed and power for the rest of the match.

Full marks to young John Metaxas who was having his first full senior game, for showing such a high level of composure.

The first goal came in the 42nd minute. A long throw from Kris Kalitatis on the left came off the head of Ian McKie and Murphy forced his way through to get a foot to the ball just before Olver could pounce on it.

Two minutes later, Doug Brown crossed from the right. Olver tried it, a follow-up shot by Yzen-dorn was blocked, then Egan deflected a shot by Davidson onto the bottom of the crossbar. The ball bounced out in the six-yard box and there was Crino to score the second goal.

Mike Petersen played deeper in the second half, to help strengthen the Heidelberg midfield, but Heidelberg's play was all wrong. It's only hope was for Paul Tintin to perhaps catch the Hellas defence on the break on long



Laurie Schwab

balls forward, but instead of sending the ball up there quickly, Heidelberg persisted with short passes out of defence and through the midfield. Invariably, they were broken up by Hellas.

The last minute penalty actually penalised Hellas. Egan had chested the ball into goal after John Gabrielson had palmed it into the air as it was going in under the bar. Mellings could have allowed the goal to stand, but awarded

Defensive plan fails

Man of the Match:
DAVID BROGAN
(Melb. Croatia)

Ken Kontra Juventus 0 Croatia 3

Scorers: Antolovic 17th, Brogan 30th and 71st.
Venue: Olympic Park No. 2.
Crowd: 2500.
Cautions: Swincoe, Lloyd (Juve), Deankovic (Cr).
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

Juve lined up with five in the back — central defenders Billy Rogers and Paul Drinoczek, full backs Gerry Geremia and Eddie Campbell, and Sweeper Kevin Swincoe.

In the second half Rogers swapped places with Swincoe, and this provided some stability at the back, too late however to influence the outcome of this rather one-sided encounter.

With three in the middle — Cullen, Lloyd and talented youngster Rino Minichietto making his debut in the first team — and only Ward and Zinni up front, it was obvious that Juventus tried to compensate for the loss of players through injury and suspension by playing out of defence, using the speed of Zinni in particular for counter-attacks, while trying to contain the Croatia forwards with extra numbers at the back.

Unfortunately for Juventus, the plan misfired, as Croatia played four in midfield and neither Geremia nor Campbell pushed up to mark an opponent. Consequently Croatia always had free players wide to initiate attacks and get behind the Juve defence on the wings. In the first half Biskic on the right and in the second half Goyevic and Cumming on the left, had at least 10 yards of space around them most of the time, and you just cannot afford to give so much freedom to talented players like these, particularly when they have such a fine striking duo as David Brogan and young Robert Markovac to link up with!

Man of the Match:
JEFF OLVER
(Heidelberg)

the penalty instead and, of course, Olver saved it.

Hellas won the youth league match 2-1. George Kalogeros scored Hellas's two goals — one from a penalty, the other from a free kick — while Ange Filipou scored for Heidelberg five minutes from the end.

Teams, with ratings:
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Kardamitsis 9 — Hristoforidis 8 — Rato-vitsas 8. Totinis 8. Poulakis 8. Soukias 7 — Nicolaides 7. Beiglis 8. Gynopoulos 7 — Filipou 7. Armatzidis 7.
HELLAS: Tundia 7 — Moshopoulos 7. Zamboulas 7. Anestakis 8. Vardas 7 — Pasakos 7. Karantonis 8th. Kasseris 7. Abraham 7. Rikopoulos 8. Kalogeros 8 — Kalipis 7. Mitsou 6.

Man of the Match:
DAVID BROGAN
(Melb. Croatia)

Juve started the match well enough, and in the first 12 minutes had two scoring chances. Billy Rogers tested Peter Blashy with a fine header from a corner in the 6th and Gary Ward missed a golden opportunity when he shot straight at Blashy from 8 metres.

The Croatia took control, and never looked like loosening its grips on the two points after going ahead in the 17th minute.

A delightful back heel by Markovac set up Brogan, who bounced a powerful shot off the underside of the crossbar.

Jozo Antolovic had the simple task of helping the ball over the line with the Juve defence check-mated.

In the both, 17 was Brogan again, he found space between the defenders, Juventus defence, and lobbed the prematurely advancing Sean Keogh with ease to put Croatia two goals up.

After the break, Croatia, instead of driving home its advantage, lost urgency, and as Juventus had nothing positive to offer, the game as a spectacle lost a lot of its appeal.

Ten minutes into the second half, Shawn Parton's flying header from a Josip Biskic corner found the back of the net, only to be disallowed for an infringement inside the goal area.

In the 71st minute, Goyevic dribbled past three defenders before pulling the ball back from the goal line for Brogan to tap in from two metres to wrap up the game for Croatia.

The return of Paul Drinoczek is helping ease Juventus's problem to some extent, and the fine performance by Minichietto also augurs well for the future.

Juventus somehow has to come to grips with the fact, that Fabio Incaluppo, Harry Hird and Vince Bannon will not be available for the rest of the season and Richard Miranda will be away for a few more weeks, and adjust its game accordingly.

With John Dowie returning to the team next week, it still has sufficient talent to adopt a more positive attitude.

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Violent Juve, dull Forest, skilful

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The international series left us marvelling at the all-round ability of Frank Arok's Socceros, who dared to attack the likes of Juventus, Rangers and Nottingham Forest in front of incredulous crowds which had expected the visitors, not the Australians, to dominate the series.

Australia's only decisive defeat — by Iraklis 3-1 in Adelaide in the last match — was due only to the strain of playing nine games in four weeks — two of those games in the last two days.

The other defeat — 4-2 to Juventus in Adelaide — was by no means as decisive as it looks. Australia used four strikers in that match, the score was 2-1 until nine minutes before the end, and it was only because Australia was pushing forward furiously that Zbigniew Boniek managed to kill off the Socceros in break-aways against a depleted defence.

The Socceros' confidence grew during the series, as did the stature of Alan Davidson, David Ratcliffe, Ken Murphy, Steve O'Connor, Joe Watson, Steve O'Connor and the others.

Had they started the series with the same confidence, they may have chalked up a few early wins instead of draws.

Notwithstanding the victories over Juventus and Glasgow Rangers, the Socceros played their best soccer in a 1-1 draw with Nottingham Forest in Adelaide.

Manchester United was the biggest disappointment to the fans, because the club came without its best players and had to make up the numbers with guest players Tommy Hutchinson, Frank Worthington and Peter Barnes who, ironically, provided the best value for money.

Nottingham Forest was colorless, but Glasgow Rangers gave it all they had, as did Iraklis.

Juventus also was disappointing, perhaps due to its long season. Marco Tardelli, Antonio Cabrini and Paolo Rossi in particular, did not perform as they are able to — although, to be fair, Ratcliffe gave Rossi few opportunities.

But let no-one charge that Juventus wasn't trying. Boniek, Tacconi, Tardelli and Cabrini who was sent off in Sydney, would not have resorted to violence had they been content to stroll through these matches.

Boniek received most praise, mainly due to his performance in Adelaide, and Iraklis stars Vasilis Hatzipanagis, George Firoos, Babis Xanthopoulos and Dimitrios Adamou also pleased the fans.

But the most consistent of the overseas stars were Massimo Bonini of Juventus, Dave McPherson and Ally McCoist of Rangers, and Paul McGrath of Manchester United.

Rangers had the misfortune of losing two players due to leg-breaks. Bobby Williams, son who sustained his injury

while skylarking late at night on the Gold Coast, and Colin McAdam who was carried off after his foul tackle on David Mitchell backfired on him.

The Australian B squad scored a rousing success in confirming that Tony Franken is perhaps the finest goalkeeper in Australia, and that Charlie Egan can play with fire and energy from a deep-lying position. Jim Patikas also put on a few breathtaking performances and the O'Shea brothers, John and Mike, if not at all flashy, were as steady as they ever had been with St George Budapest.

Press exposure has never been more extensive. Channel 9/24 provided live coverage and replays. Near the end of the series, the ABC transmitted Channel 9's coverage to Adelaide and Perth another major breakthrough.

The series also was on radio, and was featured prominently in all the major newspapers.

Undoubtedly the newspapers devoted the space mainly because of the reputations of the touring teams, but as it turned out, that space was taken up most of the time by the exploits of the Australians.

And so the Socceros have re-emerged as the most marketable commodity in Australian soccer.

Most praise goes to Frank Arok and his back-up men — Andrew Lederer, Eddie Thomson, Attila Abonyi, John Margaritis. It is Arok who chose the players, and who made them play the way they did. Thomson, who, with Margaritis was boss of the B team, also inspired some fine performances, and we appear to have found a new defender of great strength and fire in Peter Lewis of Melbourne Croatia.

● "Soccer Action" rated all players from one to 10 in every match of the international series. We averaged out the ratings to determine the best players of the series, and the top performers in each team.

TOP RATINGS FOR SERIES

8.6 Alan Davidson (Australia A) (9 games)	7.4 Frank Farina (5 games, 2 as early sub., plus 3 sub)
8.5 Hans van Breukelen (Nottingham Forest) (2 games)	7.5 Terry Greedy (7 games)
8.4 Tony Franken (Australia B) (5 games)	7.4 Frank Farina (5 games, 2 as early sub., plus 3 sub)
8.2 David Ratcliffe (Australia A) (9 games)	7.25 Jim Can (4 games, 3 sub)
8.16 Ken Murphy (Australia A) (6 games)	7.0 Tony Pezzano (2 games)
8.0 Graham Jennings (Australia A) (7 games)	6.77 John Kosmopoulos (3 games, 2 sub)
Joe Watson (Australia A/B games) — two as sub)	6.0 Alex Robertson (1 game plus one 'B' game, no rating; Ian Gray (2 sub)
Zbigniew Boniek (Juventus) (3 games)	
Stefano Tacconi (Juventus) (3 games)	
John McDonald (Rangers) (2 games & 2 sub)	
Mark Hughes (Manchester Utd) (2 games & 1 sub)	
Remi Moses (Manchester United) (2 games)	
George Firoos (Iraklis) (3 games)	
Jim Patikas (Australia B) (5 games & 2 sub)	

ALAN DAVIDSON STAR OF SERIES

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8.0 Graham Jennings (7 games)	7.5 Marshall Soper (8 games)
8.0 Joe Watson (8 games) — two as early sub)	7.5 Tommy McCulloch (1 game, plus one 'B' team game)
7.88 Steve O'Connor (9 games)	
7.8 David Mitchell (6 games, 2 sub)	
7.55 Charlie Yankos (9 games)	
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AUSTRALIA B

8.4 Tony Franken (5 games)
8.0 Jim Patikas (5 games, 2 sub)

Of the visiting coaches, Ron Atkinson (Manchester United) and Ron Fenton (Nottingham Forest) proved to be media nightmares. Atkinson was surly at best, and quite uncommunicative. Fenton, after promising before the match in Brisbane to make the occasional 30-second TV comment during the play, rudely went back on his word when the time came.

Jack Wallace, gruff and sarcastic as usual, was however the thorough sportsman after every match. No excuses for him.

Giovanni Trapattoni of Juventus, and Telis Batakis and Friedel Rausch of Iraklis were the thorough professionals. This series was as much about generating publicity for soccer

as anything else, and all three bent over backwards to do their bit. Nothing was too much trouble, and in all our dealings with them they were friendly, co-operative and wise.

The series started with Australia B drawing 0-0 with Glasgow Rangers at the Melbourne Cricket Ground — an experimental venue which was much criticised until the Australia-Juventus match, which drew a 36,000 crowd that would not have been accommodated at Olympic Park, the traditional soccer headquarters.

Jim Patikas and Tony Franken were brilliant in that match — but it was Alan Davidson who earned most praise on the first weekend, for his

faultless performance against Manchester United at the SCG. Dominating the right side with Joe Watson, Davidson led an inspired Australian team which gained a scoreless draw with a restrained and unimaginative United team that rarely opened up.

Oscar Crino pulled out of the Australian B squad because he was unable to get time off work, but returned for the team's last match, against Iraklis. He did not have the chance to defend to cement a place in the Socceros squad.

Thomson, nevertheless, has great respect for Crino as either a midfielder or sweeper — the position he played in the 1981 world youth championships.

Ian Ferguson, recently signed from Dundee, gave



Gaetano Scirea (Juventus) clears in front of Frank Worthington (Manchester United).



Rangers forward John MacDonald (front), about to be tackled by Australia's John O'Shea.
Picture: LES SHORROCK



Dave McPherson (Rangers)



Frank Farina (Australia)



Charlie Egan (Australia)



Gary Bailey (Manchester Utd)

England's tour a success

By PAUL MOON

Mark Chamberlain and John Barnes gained greater influence, aided by Ray Wilkins and Bryan Robson who were winning the battle for supremacy in midfield. Barnes opened the scoring in the 44th minute, beating four defenders in a persistent run before hitting home a fine shot.

The Watford winger also had a hand in the match-clinching goal-scoring accurately to the right-hand post where debutant Mark Hateley headed in powerfully with 64 minutes gone on the clock. Hateley, a bustling "old-fashioned" centre forward reminiscent of

father Tony, a much travelled, uncapped striker of the 1960s, caused problems throughout the match.

Equally pleasing to English eyes was the performance of full back Kenny Sansom who, at last, produced form in an international the equivalent of that which he regularly displays for Arsenal.

Brazilian coach Edu's first selection, including five new caps, looked pale shadows of the greats who have worn the famous yellow jerseys. Only Gremio winger Renato appeared worthy of a place alongside Zico, Eder, Socrates, Toninho Cerezo and Falcao, all of whom were unavailable.

Therefore, Copa America holder Uruguay was expected to produce

tougher opposition in Montevideo than it transpired.

The talented, hard Uruguay always held the edge, which converted into goals by Luis Roberto Acosta (penalty 8th minute) and Wilmer Cabrera (88th minute).

Still, England played efficiently well for Robson to win an unchanged team to play Chile the tour's final leg.

The tour viewed overall, produced much to encourage Robson and, with so few outstanding national teams currently on view, can look forward to the World Cup with at least a little optimism.

● Brazil and Argentina drew their international in Rio 0-0. Without any European-based exiles, both teams looked mediocre.

● Keith Burkinshaw's two-year contract with the Bahrain national team is reported to be worth \$500,000 tax free.

● Sparta Prague is the Czech First Division Champion for the 14th time.

● Searing, which finished 5th in last season's Belgian First Division, has been declared bankrupt.

● In view of their previous results this past year, Brazil's 1-0 victory over Uruguay must be regarded as a surprise, though the Brazilians did enjoy home advantage.

● Danish international Preben Elkjaer Larsen is to Italian club Verona from Belgian club Lokeren.

● Elie's Liane Brady has agreed to link up with Internazionale Milan, making way for Gian Souness at Sampdoria.

● The British media has, with few exceptions, Aston Villa chairman Doug Ellis as the villain for the sacking of manager Tony Barton just years after he brought the European Champions' Cup to Villa Park.

● Seasoned Italian international defender Claudio Telle has left Juventus for Fiorentina in a \$700,000 transfer.

● Tottenham Hotspur has been fined \$15,000 for naming its reserve team in a First Division fixture two days before the first leg of the UEFA Cup tie.

— PAUL MOON



Steve Darby (left) coaching Rapid goalkeeper, Phil Kannegiesser, during his days as Tasmanian director of coaching.

Former Tasmanian Director of Coaching, Steve Darby, University's goalkeeper, has transferred to Croatia-Glenorchy.

Darby had been with University since the start of the 1983 season when he joined them from South Hobart. Darby played as sweeper with South Hobart and will also play on the field with his new club.

He made his debut at centre-

Darby to Croatia

back in Croatia's scoreless draw with Phoenix last Sunday.

Asked why he left University, the team which has reached an unprecedented second position in the Cadbury State League with a 2-1 win over leader Juventus-Pioneer, Darby said: "At this stage in my career I need a challenge and Croatia offered me a very interesting challenge playing on the field. I've also had trouble with my hands, ever

since I dislocated my finger saving a penalty against Billy Kirkpatrick of Rapid in a pre-season friendly."

"I'm enjoying the training at Croatia with Frank Letec. There is a difference since Letec uses coaching techniques that are European but I really did enjoy working under Ron Coates at University. I'd recommend the University club and the coaching staff to anyone."

— WALTER PLESS

Before England embarked on its South American tour, most British soccer correspondents agreed that if the team came back with a 50% record, it would be deemed a success.

Having played three won one drawn one and lost one, England must look back upon the venture in a positive light but Bobby Robson still has a great deal to do if England is to be regarded as a contender for the 1986 World Cup.

The tour began inauspiciously, as centre half Graham Roberts was flown home after undergoing an emergency appendix operation in Rio before a ball had been kicked.

Roberts though had not been keen in the starting line up against Brazil, Robson preferring to give Norwich City's Dave Watson his first cap.

Watson was one of England's heroes during the 2-0 victory over the Brazilians — just the second in 13 encounters and the first away from Wembley — yet only a series of magnificent saves by veteran goalkeeper Peter Shilton kept the tourists in the game during the two matches.

Playing in an adventurous 4-2-4 format, England gradually got its game together as black wingers

Iraklis, marvellous Australia!

SON RIES



5 Charlie Egan (5 games, 2 sub, 1 'A' game)
14 Mike O'Shea (7 games)
00 Oscar Crino (1 game, 1 sub)
0 Tony Henderson (7 games)
0 John O'Shea (5 games, 1 sub)
0 Jeff Oliver (2 games)
8 Peter Lewis (6 games)
8 Steve Blair (6 games)
5 Doug Brown (4 games, 1 sub)
4 Peter Katholos (5 games, 1 sub)
3 Richard Miranda (3 games, 1 sub)
3 Robbie Slater (3 games, 1 sub)
3 Theo Selemidis (3 games)
3 Joe Rizzotto (3 games)
3 Con Opasinis (3 games)
0 Gary Cole (3 games, 2 sub).

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

5 Hans van Breukelen (2 games)
66 Viv Anderson (3 games)
5 Jim McNally (2 games)
Cenny Swain (2 games)

JUVENTUS

30 Zbigniew Boniek (3 games)
30 Stefano Tacconi (3 games)

7.5 Gaetano Scirea (4 games)
7.5 Sergio Brio (4 games)
7.5 Massimo Bonini (4 games)

GLASGOW RANGERS

8.0 John MacDonald (2 games, 2 sub)
7.8 Dave McPherson (5 games)
7.8 Ally McCoist (5 games)
7.5 Peter McCloy (4 games)
7.5 Sandy Clark (2 games, 1 sub)

MANCHESTER UNITED

8.0 Mark Hughes (2 games, 1 sub)
8.0 Remi Moses (2 games)
7.66 Paul McGrath (3 games)
7.5 Gary Bailey (2 games)

IRAKLIS

8.0 George Firos (3 games)
7.75 Vasilis Hatzipanagis (4 games)
7.75 Eyris Pergaminos (4 games)
7.75 Babis Zanthopoulos (4 games)
7.5 Blagoj Georgiev (4 games)
7.5 Lakis Papiouannou (4 games)

Rangers their first victory of the series when he scored in the 74th minute to down Australia B 2-1 in Brisbane, but Arok's men avenged that defeat by beating Rangers 3-2 in a first-half blitz in Sydney.

David Mitchell, released by Rangers to play for Australia in this series, showed with his performance that he has what it takes to get back into Jock Wallace's team. Mitchell scored Australia's third goal in the 28th minute, after Steve O'Connor and John Kosmina had made it 2-0 in the previous six minutes.

Ally McCoist notched two — one from a penalty — and fought fiercely for the equaliser, but during this period, substitute Frank Farina, with a bit more luck, easily could have notched two in break-aways.

The MCG exhibition match between Manchester United and Nottingham Forest was a tame, friendly affair, with neither team committing itself more than necessary. A goal by Mark Hughes in the 9th minute won it for United, while Forest stumbled unspurred through most of the game.

Similarly, United and Juventus played pitifully in their match in Sydney, where Juventus won 5-4 on penalties after substitute Clayton Blackmore had missed his spot kick. Appropriately, Boniek had Juventus' last kick.

Ratcliffe was hailed as Australia's Gentile when he again subdued Gary Birtles, in a 2-2 draw with Forest in Brisbane. Birtles, the \$2.5 million man, had complained that he should not have been asked to

go on this tour, as he was due to have a back operation. We never saw the best of him.

It was Australia's second draw with Forest, having come back with a goal by Ken Murphy in Adelaide to tie at 1-1. That game, however, could have been won by Australia, and Fenton went as far as to say afterwards that on this form, Australia would play well in the English First Division.

Marshall Soper, Mitchell, Farina and John Kosmina formed a four-man attack against Juventus at Football Park in Adelaide. It worked fine, although Australia lost 2-4.

Soper had given Juventus hell in their 1-1 draw at the MCG, and he did so in Adelaide as well. The Juventus players blamed him for a clash with

goalkeeper Tacconi in Melbourne, a clash over which Tacconi punched Soper to the ground.

Soper was injured in Adelaide, and in the next match against Juventus, in Sydney, Tardelli scraped open Soper's shin with his studs. Soper, however, remained on the ground to head Australia into the lead, in a performance that confirmed he is the Socceros' No. 1 forward.

Steve O'Connor's goals in the first minute, gave Australia a 2-0 victory over Juventus, which played with 10 men after Cabrini was sent off in the 43rd minute for punching Soper.

The result gave Australian soccer one of the finest moments in its history.

Iraklis started its series against the Socceros with a wild match in Brisbane, where George Orfanidis put Richard Miranda in plaster with a wild tackle.

Orfanidis was sent off by referee Alan Kibbler, who then changed his mind. The refereeing in this series, incidentally, was well below par. And that's putting it nicely. In Melbourne, Jack Johnston failed to send off Boniek, Tacconi and Watson over violent clashes which would have been punished by send-offs in any other match. Don Campbell ignored Boniek's punch to Davidson's head in Adelaide.

Richard Lorenc, who controlled the Australia — Juventus match in Sydney, put on the best refereeing performance of the series.

Tommy McCulloch, who went from the A to the B team, as did Alex Robertson, had his moment of glory in a 1-1 draw with Glasgow Rangers in Adelaide, scoring moment of glory in a 1-1 draw with Glasgow Rangers in Adelaide, scoring in the 30th minute, before John McClellan equalised two minutes later. Referee Jim Rossis lost control to such an extent that Jock Wallace himself had to talk to both teams at half time, advising them to cool it.

Rangers had their second victory over Australia B in Newcastle, winning 4-2 after coming from behind, as Steve Blair had scored in the 18th minute. Australia, however, had made many changes to its

team in order to give Jeff Oliver, Con Opasinis, Joe Rizzotto and Theo Selemidis a run.

A penalty by Doug Brown earned Australia B a 1-1 draw with Iraklis at the MCG, and again Charlie Egan turned in a creditable performance, confirming he certainly will be in the Socceros squad for the world tour in November.

The scheduled match between Australia A and Iraklis at the SCG was called off because of rain, and rescheduled for the following night (Thursday) at St George Stadium. A crowd of about 8000 watch Australia withstand a late barrage by Iraklis to win 2-0. John Kosmina had scored in the 19th minute and Jim Cant made sure of the victory in the 83rd.

Trouble erupted when Ratcliffe brought down Adamou, and most of the players as well as a spectator scuffled before referee Don Campbell managed to restore order.

Australia had run out of steam by the last match — although they still showed fighting spirit in going down 1-3 to Iraklis. To the delight of the Greek fans, Vasilis Hatzipanagis turned on the style, but it was Adamou who was the man of the match.

There were of course, many funny moments during the series, like someone forgetting to provide Manchester United with training balls, and leaving club chairman Martin Edwards behind, wondering how he would get a lift.

Regrettably, there were a few juvenile incidents in Australia's training camps which, as usual, caused problems. The B squad initiated a "lemon award" given to the player who did the silliest things at training. Acting like Grammar school adolescents, players threw others into the swimming pool and one player, reluctant to take the plunge, hung onto a door so tightly that it was pulled off its hinges while a pack tried to pry him loose.

These and other incidents in the A team's hotels do nothing but create ill feeling. Coaches are well advised to stamp out such behavior and instead, promote a more mature attitude expected of so-called soccer professionals.



Marshall Soper soars through the air at the SCG, where Australia beat Rangers 3-2.



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State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ROCKDALE ILINDEN	8	4	2	28	14	20
INTER MONARO	7	5	2	43	21	19
MANLY WARRINGAH	7	5	1	26	8	19
AUBURN	6	6	2	14	11	18
Sutherland	6	5	3	22	12	17
Canterbury	5	5	4	16	21	15
Ku-Ring-Gai	4	5	5	19	24	13
Polonia	3	5	6	13	19	11
Avala	3	5	6	21	31	11
Warringah N'been	3	2	8	15	27	8
Bankstown	2	4	8	12	31	8
Yugal	1	5	8	14	23	7

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Hurstville Oval: Ilinden v Auburn.
Sunday: Cromer Park: Manly v Ku-Ring-Gai; Knight Park: Avala v Sutherland; Arlington Oval: Canterbury v Yugal; Marco Polo: Inter Monaro v Polonia; Potts Park: Bankstown v Warringah.

TOP SCORERS

- Valeri (IM), Brown (RI)
- Holloway (MW), O'Shane (Aub)
- Milne (AV)
- Leak (MW), Groomie (S)
- Monterosso, Willox (IM), Jeffery (K)
- Dounis (C), Stuart (MW), Sobczyk (P), Jones (RI), McGrath (Y)
- Budini (AV), Giam Paolo, Colbertaldo (IM), Sandtner, Bullock (WN)

KU-RING-GAI 1 (Watson 71st) INTER MONARO 1 (Valeri 87th) at Parklands Oval.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice 6 — Bennett 8, Bertram 7 (Williams 87th), Watson 8, Jesse 7 — Quigley 7 (Harper 88th), Bourke 8, Dene 6, Tracey 6 — Bass 6, Jeffery 7.
INTER MONARO: Hocking 7 — Domazetovic 7, Ambrosino 7, Frances 6 (Brennan 48th — 7), Williams 7 — Willox 7, Farrell 8, Santolin 6 — Colbertaldo 6 (Monterosso 83rd), Valeri 7, Giam Paolo 6.

YUGAL 1 (Piloski 62nd) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2 (Trajanovski 62nd, Brown pen 76th) at Fraser Park.

YUGAL: Berry 8 — Tomasek 7, Gogic 7, Forester 8, Clarke 8, Gibson 7 — Marco 6, Pahor 6, Janovski 6 — Thammides 5, Rodas 5.
ROCKDALE: Kotzohambos 7 — Pilovski 6, Degney 9, G. Wilson 7, D. Wilson 7 — Nasteviski 7, Youseph 6 (Trajanovski 60th — 7), Slavoski 6 — Karanfilovski 8, Brown 7 (Ristevski 80th), Jones 6.

WARRINGAH NARABEEN 0 CANTERBURY 1 (Dounis 65th) at Narabeen.

WARRINGAH: P. Dean 7 — Sarge 7, Rylands 7, Garrett 7, Earl 7 (Hiscock 70th) — Hanley 6, Collinge 6, Griffin 6 (Rimmer 60th), McLean 7, A. Dean 6, Bullock 6.
CANTERBURY: Konistis 7 — Antonopoulos 7, Etmilades 7, Laws 7, Miskovic 7, Anagnostopoulos 8, Andreou 7, Hantzis 8 — Vassilou 6, Petas 6, Dounis 8.

AUBURN 0 Avala 0 at Mona Park.

AUBURN: Rosano 7 — Kelly 7, Watt 6, McDermid 6, Geekie 8, Akoutas 7, Carney 6, Parfitt 7, Benales 7 (Townson 71st, Knight 8, O'Shane 7).
AVALA: Thurlow 7, Harris 6, Mackenzie 6, Bonic 7, De Silva 6, Kodor 7, Nedici 5 (Antonic 48th — 7), Bratkovic 7, Milne 6, Budini 8.

SUTHERLAND 0 MANLY WARRINGAH 0 at Seymour Shaw Park.

SUTHERLAND: Dart 8 — Hesford 8, Schumann 9, Dalforme 8, Nelson 8 — Harrington 7, Rogers 7, Groomie 7, Webber 7 — Conner 5 (Hargraves 75th), Gray 6.
MANLY: Casserati 8 — Pagano 8, Dick 7, Doyle 7, Williamson 7, Stevens 7, Jones 7, McGreen 7, Stuart 7, Holloway 6, Leak 6 (Lynch 87).

POLONIA 0 BANKSTOWN 0 at Chopin Park.

Polonia: Barker 7, Djalas 8, Fogarty 8, Pratt 7, Kowalczyk 7, Nowak 7, Dvigni 6, Juchiewicz 7 — Sobczyk 6, Lumsdaine 6.
BANKSTOWN: Lohman 7, Kennedy 7, Blackburn 9, Coates 8, Agostino 7, Dolton 6, Hassan 7, Genc 6 (68th Meerban), Pavala 6, Hasic 5 (Ei Hosseini 25th — 7), Apenian 7.

Rockdale Ilinden leap-frogged over Inter Monaro and Manly Warringah after a narrow but deserved victory over Yugal at Fraser Park. The three goals in this game matched the total number of goals scored in the other five games, with Ku-Ring-Gai and Monaro sharing the spoils -1, and Canterbury defeating Warringah Narabeen 1-0.

In the remaining three fixtures, no goals eventuated but many were missed with an added "bonus" at Chopin Park. Polonia and Bankstown supporters were involved in a scuffle following an alleged stone-throwing incident. The stone reportedly was directed at Bankstown's keeper, David Lohman.

It took some time before the game could be restarted, but even that bit of "excitement" died suddenly with goals still sadly missing.

For Canterbury it was a welcome return to the winning circle after a dismal record of six matches without a win. Louis Dounis was the man who put Canterbury on the road to victory with a fine second half goal.

Ku-Ring-Gai had Inter Monaro on the ropes leading 1-0 with minutes remaining but conceded a goal which provided Inter with a valuable point.

Auburn drew for the sixth time in its last 12 matches but had only its players to blame for inept finishing. Six or seven chances went begging as the Auburn strikers competed in "the most misses at Mona Park" competition. Avala missed two, just to frustrate its own contingent of supporters.

Coaches will have a few things to say to their players this week as the sides prepare for round 15.

An interesting battle looms next Saturday. Rockdale Ilinden is at home against Auburn. Neither side can afford to lose if it wants to retain its top four position. It is easily the pick of the round with Avala v Sutherland and Manly v Ku-Ring-Gai also claiming a lot of interest.

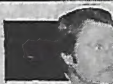
Bankstown meets Warringah Narabeen at Potts Park in a match certain to provide Bankstown with another opportunity to move off the bottom of the table. For Narabeen the same problem remains — an acute shortage of strikers. There's no immediate solution in sight.

Ku-Ring-Gai 1 Inter Monaro 1

Scorers: Leigh Watson 71st, Walter Valeri 87th

I was well satisfied with proceedings at Parklands Oval last Saturday. It could have been much worse, believe me, as I had wagered the price of a dinner on the outcome. My opponent was Ku-Ring-Gai coach Vic Dalgleish.

As Ku-Ring-Gai took the



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ed inside his own area, but according to the referee the incident did not have anything to do with Valeri scoring the goal and Inter Monaro took the point.

Ku-Ring-Gai traded shots with Inter Monaro and came close to opening the score in the 7th through Glen Jeffery, then in the 24th through Chris Quigley before a series of wild shots by Valeri. He looked set to give Monaro the lead in the 26th then in the 29th but his enthusiasm got the better of his judgement and the shots finished metres over the bar.

Billy Willox tried but found Andrew Prentice in good touch, then Santolin found his header sailing just wide. Bennett's header was just wide at the other end to close proceedings in the first half.

The wind died at half time and the apparent advantage of Ku-Ring-Gai during the first period didn't come the way of the visitors from the ACT.

But Inter Monaro still looked just a fraction more menacing.

However, with 17 minutes to go, Ku-Ring-Gai came forward and with Alan Bourke taking a quick free kick it was Leigh Watson that made it 1-0 with a shot which found the net through a maze of legs.

Valeri equalised, but it must have been a small consolation for the side from the ACT. Two points out of a possible six in the last three rounds have given more chances to the outsiders and a real chance to the Sydney-based title contenders.

Yugal 1

Rockdale Ilinden 2

Scorers: Pilovski 62nd, Trajanovski 62nd, Brown pen 76th.



Inter Monaro striker Tony Brennan

Warringah Narabeen 0 Canterbury 1

Scorers: Louis Dounis 65th. Venue: Narabeen Fitness Centre.

For the first time in seven outings, Canterbury celebrated. Three losses and three drawn games preceded this narrow but most satisfying win for Johnny Xipolitas, coach of Canterbury.

"I was very happy with my team. Louis Dounis hit the post twice and scored one goal, which shows that it could have been more goals to our name. I am still satisfied and can only hope that the present team effort continues," said Xipolitas.

For John Wignall of Warringah Narabeen it was a step back after some encouragement following the record win over Yugal.

"We played well in the first half and looked assured of at

least one point, but after the interval Canterbury looked sharper. Its players wanted the ball more and also looked to have a lot of speed to go with it. It was disappointing to see one of my best players make an error, which eventually turned out to be the only goal of the match," said Wignall.

Half. Fernatis, Joannides and Titlis were out of Canterbury's side this week and the replacements played well enough to keep their places this week.

The speed of the youngsters in the Canterbury side caused Garrett to err and lose possession. John Petas found Dounis with a through pass and it was a simple matter of beating the keeper for Dounis to score his fifth goal of the season.

Auburn 0 Avala 0

Venue: Mona Park.

An official of Avala offered his thanks to Auburn after the home side failed to convert its chances into a comfortable victory. Instead, six sitters went begging, with Avala missing on two occasions.

A great volley by Budini in the 13th saw Rosano make a great save. It was a close shave for Auburn. However, a procession of missed chances followed for the home side.

Ray Carney went around Thurlow in the 26th before placing his pass at the feet of Benales, but with the Avala defence in tatters, Benales managed to find the foot of the only Avala player between himself and the net!

With one minute remaining in the first half, Benales hit the cross bar after some good work by Ray Carney then with only one minute gone in the second half it was time for Stephen Knight to shine. His long run saw him face Thurlow then place his shot past the keeper, but Richie Williams was back on the goal line to clear.

Carney missed in the 52nd. Knight in the 54th — the procession simply continued. And Avala tried not to be outdone in this department with Branko Kodor missing a sitter in the 74th after Richie Williams found him inside the penalty area.

Polonia 0 Bankstown National 0

Venue: Chopin Park.

Relegation-troubled Bankstown National has taken another step toward safety with a fighting performance against Polonia at Chopin Park.

This match will be remembered not so much for its soccer skills but for an incident which threatened to develop into an all-out brawl.

A scuffle developed behind Bankstown's goal. According to keeper David Lohman, he was hit numerous times by stones thrown by someone positioned behind the net at Bankstown's end.

He tried to attract the attention of the referee but with little success.

Then in came an irate Bankstown supporter determined to put a stop to the incident. He got involved with the alleged stone-thrower and the game was stopped for some time as a scuffle broke out.

Despite all the action behind the net, neither side managed to get the upper hand, let alone score a goal and in the end Bankstown looked by far the more satisfied with the result.

Sutherland 0 Manly Warringah 0

Venue: Seymour Shaw Park.

For the second time this year Sutherland and Manly shared the points, yet again after an exciting match.

Played at a furious pace, the game deserved a few goals.

The 0-0 scoreline did not please either side.

It was a big match and a win would have been "worth four points" for either club. Manly has now lost its lead to Rockdale, while Sutherland still is outside the top four.



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Stirton to Falcons, Simic to Broadly

"It's going to be very, very hard. The lads know that. But if you're going to do any good in the league these are the games you have to win. And we're better equipped than we were when we played them earlier this year."

That's Falkner coach Gus Macleod talking about his team's chances of success on Sunday at Raleigh Reserve against league leader Polonia.

"We won't be changing

things. We know what we do best," said Macleod.

Which means that Ian Tuffield's outstanding heading ability again will be the focal point of Falkner's attack.

Polonia signed Carl Gilder last week on loan from Sunshine-George Cross. In the absence of injured Janusz Przybyla, Gilder will partner Noel Mitten up front.

Gilder and Mitten linked up at Melbourne Croatia a few seasons ago, so they won't have any trouble developing an understanding.

Ged Bannan, after a lengthy lay off due to injury, played in the Falkner seniors last weekend against Doveton and his presence in midfield will be crucial here.

Bannan and Peter Boyle are real hustlers and their aggression provides Falkner with a lot of ball winning ability in midfield.

And it's in midfield that Polonia is least settled. Player-coach John Gardiner has tried numerous permutations already this season involving Greg and Peter Czapiak, George Petrovi, Joe Tront,

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

SATURDAY
Knox City V St Albans
Dinamo (draw) at Egan Lee Reserve, 3 pm.
Frankston Pines V MORWELL FALCONS at Monterey Boulevard, 3 pm.
Albion Rovers V Northcote (draw) at Selwyn Park, 3 pm.
Broadmeadows V Croydon (draw) at Laura Douglas Reserve, 3 pm.

SUNDAY
Polonia V Falkner (draw) at Raleigh Reserve, 2 pm.
Doveton V WESTERN SUBURBS at Waratah Reserve, 3 pm.
BOX HILL V Ringwood Wilhelmina at Wembley Park, 3 pm.

Kevin Innes, Claude Avian, Noel Mitten, Dave Gibson, Leszek Gregorczyk and, of course, Gardiner himself.

There's been talk at Polonia of Gardiner playing sweeper and pushing Stefan Mila into midfield, a move which Mila doesn't favor.

Nevertheless, whatever midfield combination Gardiner comes up with on Sunday, there's no doubt that this will be one of the great clashes of the 1984 State League season.

There's plenty of rivalry between both clubs and both sets of players.

Their last clash was a thriller. The game ended up 4-4, there was a sending off and a brawl involving spectators and officials from both clubs.

I'm tipping another draw here.

If I'm right, and Morwell Falcons and Box Hill win, as expected, then we'll have a four-way tie at the top and what excitement that will add to the State League scene.

Morwell takes on Frankston Pines at Monterey Boulevard on Saturday. Morwell's new \$5,000 signing from Doveton, striker Ian Stirton, had a fine debut against Broadmeadows last week.

Here, he comes up against an old team mate from Doveton in Pines' stopper Peter Thulow. They're both honest competitors, both hard. It should be a great contest.

Box Hill should be too strong for Ringwood Wilhelmina at Wembley Park on Sunday. Okay, so the Hillies dropped a point behind Polonia and Falkner last weekend by drawing with Western Suburbs at Ralph Reserve, but that's a reasonable result and just watch Suburbs cause the top



Carl Gilder

sides a lot of problems later this season.

New Wilhelmina coach Cor Teuw watched his charges draw 2-2 at Jubilee Park last weekend against Pines but against the well balanced, disciplined and competitive Box Hill, Wilhelmina will do well to sneak a point here.

Broadmeadows signed Paul Simic on a free from Footscray J.U.S.T. last Friday, hoping to solve its problems up front. Simic did reasonably well against Falcons last weekend and Broadmeadows officials and fans will be looking to him to lead the front line against Croydon at Laura Douglas Reserve this Saturday.

I'm going for a draw. Another good draw bet is the



Paul Simic

Albion Rovers v Northcote clash at Selwyn Park on Saturday. No-one can say that Northcote isn't an entertaining side. The Northerners score goals a bit quicker than they concede them, as shown by their 29-24 goal difference.

Knox City and St Albans Dinamo clash at Egan Lee Reserve on Saturday. Dinamo stunned Polonia last weekend by taking a 2-0 lead, only to finally succumb 4-2. Knox suffered the same fate, going 2-0 up against Northcote after just 25 minutes.

Dinamo has been getting some fine results recently and no doubt expects to do well against Knox but may have to be content with a share of the spoils.

Buffalo State League ladder

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
POLONIA.....	9	4	1	35	16	22
FAWKNER.....	10	2	2	36	19	22
MORWELL F.....	8	5	1	25	7	21
BOX HILL.....	8	5	1	26	13	21
West Suburbs...	6	4	4	28	25	16
Northcote.....	6	1	7	29	24	13
Frank. Pines....	4	5	5	15	19	13
Croydon.....	6	1	7	14	19	13
Albion Rovers....	4	5	5	12	18	13
Knox City.....	4	3	7	18	29	11
R. Wilhelmina...	2	5	7	18	25	9
St Albans.....	2	5	7	15	24	9
Broadmeadows...	3	1	10	9	28	7
Doveton.....	1	4	9	10	24	6

ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Morovic 2nd, Culina 23rd) POLONIA 4 (Gilder 37th, Innes 52nd, 56th, Mitten 77th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Laskov 7 — Kuzman 7, Bozic 7, Radman 6, Nobilo 7 (Ramlija 65th). — Desic 7, Brkicic 9, Culina 8, Bitovnic 8 — Bruno 6 (Cula 46th), Morovic 8 Coach: Pero Kasilo.

POLONIA: Lukac 6 — Liparski 6, Milic 8, McCuskey 7, A. Czapnik 7 — Tront 8, Innes 7, Gardiner 9 (Unj. Avian 84th), Petrov 7 — Gilder 7, Mitten 7. Coach: John Gardiner.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Brkicic (St.A.), 2. Gardiner (Polonia), 1. Tront (Polonia).

MORWELL FALCONS 6 (Moore 45th, 74th, Storton 53rd, Athertys 83rd) BROADMEADOWS 0 at North Cringian Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 8 — Bingham (in), T. van Baar 10th, 6, Kent 60th, Higham 8, Bruns 8, Clarke 8 — O'Callaghan 8, Moore 9, MacLean 8, Cassar 7 — Athertys 8, Storton 9. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace 8 — Donaldson 7 — Blair 7, Smart 7, Watson 7, Des 7 — Horfink 6 (Campbell 55th, 5), Stokios 6 — Vaccaro 6 (Machuca 70th), Simic 7, Libert 7. Coach: Jimmy McIntyre.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Storton (MFL), 2. Moore (MFL), 1. Pace (Broad).

NORTHCOTE 4 (Constantinou 40th, Dionisopoulos 56th, Miticos 75th, Boarotto 82nd) KNOX CITY 2 (Masters 11th, House 25th) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.

NORTHCOTE: Orfanakos 8 — Wright 8, Katsakidis 6, Bozakis 7, Mihos 7 — Wilson 7, Quigley 7, Toro 8 — Constantinou 8, Miticos 7. Boarotto 7. Coach: Jimmy Pyrgollos.

KNOX CITY: McKurk 8 — Dixon 6, Bissinger 5, Bryden 5, Murray 5 (Tunstall 75th). — Wild 5, Smith 6, Geriah 6 — Kejic 5 (Lesbire 75th). House 8, Masters 6, Cook 6, Eric Lesbirel 6. Coach: Les Leslie.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Orfanakos (North), 2. Constantinou (North), 1. Toro (North).

FAWKNER 3 (Cuzzella 35th, 88th, Tuffield 75th) DOVETON 1 (J. McDonald 78th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Costa 7 — McKinley 7, Cavallari 7, Macleod 7, Hobson 7 — G. Bannan 7, Angele 7, Boyle 7 — Panklins 7, Tuffield 6, Cuzzella 8. Coach: Gus Macleod.

DOVETON: Radov 7 — Day 6, Gadsby 8, Lowe 8, McLeod 6 — Watson 6, Buchanan 7, Edmondson 5, Sutcliffe 6 — J. McDonald 7, Lennon 7 (Kaiser 80th). Coach: Ian Williamson.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Tuffield (Fawk), 2. Cuzzella (Fawk), 1. Gadsby (Dove).

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Kakanotis 85th) BOX HILL 1 (Valentine 28th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Hunter 7 — Borg 7, Dimovski 6, Howe 7, Lakkas 6 — Hamill 7, Kakanotis 7, Mussel 7 — Lazopoulos 8, Stenson 7, Filippis 6. Coach: Jimmy Condilis.

BOX HILL: McKinley 7 — L. Roodhouse 7, Brooks 7, Brownlie 7, A. Roodhouse 7 — Hughes 7, Valentine 6, Priestley 7 (Lawler 80th), Keenan 6 (Azzopardi 70th). — Smith 7, Verecchia 6. Coach: Bill Murray.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Lazopoulos (WS), 2. A. Roodhouse (BH), 1. Howe (WS).

CROYDON 2 (Griffiths 19th, Killey 90th) ALBION ROVERS 0 at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kastner 8 — Rainey 8, Singleton 8, Brewerton 7, Brown 8 — Innes 8, French 7, Ormond 7, Lucio Seisi 7 (Killey 62nd) — L. Loughane 7, Griffiths 8, Coach: Colin Hasler.

ALBION ROVERS: Cipi 6 — Galea 8, D'Sylva 7, Gilmour 7, Douglas 6 — Purcell 7, Reilly 6, Bennett 6 (Alfonso 65th) — Rodriguez 6 (Gatt 77th), Spiteri 6, Robertson 6. Coach: Billy McIntyre.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Brown (Croy), 2. Singleton (Croy), 1. Irvine (Croy).

A word of warning — beware Croydon

Croydon 2 Albion 0

Scorers: Griffiths 19th, Killey 90th. Venue: Croydon Park.

The Croydon City express is back on the rails — but all signs indicate that things will quicken up in the second half of the season.

It was positively outstanding and virtually ran Albion Rovers into the ground here. And remember, Albion knocked off Croydon in their first encounter, however City's master strength — its defence — remains foremost with Lou Kastner, having only one real save to make to deny a blistering shot from Gus Alfonso.

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By JOHN WALLACE

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Sunday: Wertheim vs MORELAND, MELBOURNE vs Albion City.

DIVISION TWO
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Taylor-made victory

MONASH UNIVERSITY 2 (Yang 10th, Siever 62nd) HAWKSBURN 1 (Hagymasi 37th pen.)

MONASH UNI: G. Timma, P. McMahon, D. Clark, M. MacPherson, P. Milla (sub. J. Macpherson 86th), T. Surtwaine, A. Bersee, B. Siever, S. Vander Westhuizen (sub. M. Watson 75th), L. Yong, P. Taylor.

HAWKSBURN: T. Mitic, A. Sejmowski, T. Benabek, J. Hagadone, S. Hamilton, S. Gascorn, S. Dorek, S. Balogh, T. Hagymasi, A. Kazi, S. Lazzolo.

Monash University bounced back brightly from the previous week's poor showing to convincingly overpower Hawksburn. It was a victory inspired by the young Uni forward Paul Taylor, who created many opportunities against the experienced visitors.

The visitors rallied in the closing stages and created several chances, but left it until the 87th minute to reduce the deficit, as Tim Hagymasi netted from the penalty spot.

The home side dominated the early stages, and was rewarded as a fine opportunist strike from Guppy Yong found the mark. Hawksburn fought back from this initial setback, but seemed to lack the urgency of Monash, with midfielder Arthur Bersee prompting many attacking moves.

Monash took a solid grip on the fixture in the early stages of the second half as it directed attacks down the right wing where Taylor displayed excellent control and pace. His right wing cross in the 62nd minute found Brad Siever, who spectacularly volleyed home.

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 - 14 — L. Roodhouse (Box Hill)
 - 13 — Culina (St.A.), Stenson (WS)
 - 12 — Tuffield (Fawk), Bingham (Morw), Mila (Pol), Lazopoulos (WS)
 - 11 — Quigley (North), Burton (Wilhel)
 - 10 — Moore (Morw)
 - 9 — House (Knox), Mitten (Pol)
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Polonia sweeper Stefan Mila

Here's our Victorian State League all-star line up after 13 rounds of the 1984 season. The side was selected solely on the basis of votes cast in our Schipano Player of the Year award:

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(Box Hill)

12 - Harry Bingham (M. Falc)
5 - Rick Lipiarski (Pol)

8 - DARREN WHITE
(Box Hill)

7 - Steve Irvine (Croy)
7 - Joe Palinkas (Fawk)

12 - STEFAN MILA
(Polonia)

5 - Mick D'Sylva (Albion)
5 - Dave Singleton (Croy)

17 - JIM MACLEAN
(Morwell F.)

8 - Peter Boyle (Fawkner)
8 - Steve Moore (M. Falc)

7 - LOU KASTNER
(Croydon)

7 - Dave Stutchbury (Pines)
5 - Stuart McTurk (Knox)

7 - GEORGE BOZIKIS
(Northcote)

7 - Stuart Gilmour (Albion)
7 - Hans Meyer (Wilhelmina)

11 - COLIN QUIGLEY
(Northcote)

11 - Barry Burton (Wilhelmina)
6 - Gerry Reilly (Albion)

7 - TU. FITZPATRICK
(Doveton)

6 - Steven Douglas (Albion)
5 - Mark Wilson (North)

13 - BRANKO CULINA
(St. Albans)

9 - Bill Lazopoulos (W. Sub)
6 - Brian Keenan (Box Hill)



Attacking midfielder Branko Culina



Morwell midfielder Jim MacLean

18 - STEVE SMITH
(Box Hill)

13 - Ged Stenson (W. Sub)
9 - Greg House (Knox)

9 - IAN TUFFIELD
(Fawkner)

9 - Noel Mitten (Polonia)
8 - Janusz Przybyla (Pol)



Croydon's Lou Kastner



Fawkner's Peter Boyle



Box Hill's Darren White



George Bozikis of Northcote City

Hidalgo and Platini make France champion of Europe

PARIS: France, never a soccer power during its 80 years in the sport, won its first major title last week by defeating Spain, 2-0 in the final of the European Championship.

In a match whose quality was far below the technical brilliance France had pro-

duced in winning its first four matches, the host nation scored early in the second half and in the game's closing seconds to defeat a Spanish team that was barely to muster a cohesive attack.

By JOHN VINOCUR,
N.Y. Times News Service

Many in the crowd of 47,200 at Parc des Princes Stadium broke into a high-pitched roar when the game ended, cheering a French national team that had done better than any other since France began playing in international competition in 1904. France came in third in the World Cup in

1958 and 1982 but was never considered as powerful in Europe as England, Italy or West Germany.

During the 1960's and 1970's the French were regarded as having teams afflicted with an obsession for technical flourishes and no interest in scoring goals.

At France's low point in the 1970's, the national team lost a match to Iceland, a country of barely 200,000 population and no professional players. After the game, the French team received special algae baths and oxygen treatments in hopes of finding a magic remedy for its ineffectiveness.

The current coach, Michel Hidalgo, is given credit for teaching offensive soccer, marked by a willingness to take risks. Hidalgo's great luck has been to have as captain Michel Platini, one of the world's best players, who has been with the Juventus of Turin team in Italy for the last two years.

It was Platini who scored France's first goal, in the 59th minute. It came from a free kick from just outside the penalty area. He hit the ball almost directly through at the Spanish goalkeeper, Luis Miguel Arconada, but it squirmed through the goalkeeper's arms and over the line. It was Platini's ninth goal in five tournament matches.

Once France had scored, Spain was stuck with the weary, defensive style it had played throughout the first half. The closest Spain came to troubling Joel Bats, the French goalkeeper, was in the 78th minute when Carlos Santillana headed over the bar.

The Spaniards were given an extra incentive in the closing minutes when Yvon Llorus was sent off and the French were a man short, but Bats cleared the single hard shot that the Spaniards could muster.

The final French goal was scored in the last seconds when Bruno Bellone clipped a left-footer past advancing Arconada.

MEET THE FRENCH....

JOEL BATS, Goalkeeper. Aged 27 1/2 caps. Auxerre. Bats has proved himself as France's goalkeeper this season after making his international debut in the first match of the tournament — a 3-1 defeat by Denmark last September. A former youth international, Bats joined Auxerre from Sochaux four years ago and has provided welcome consistency behind a French defense which had to adjust to three different goalkeepers in the 1982-83 season.

JEAN-PIERRE TEMPET, Goalkeeper. 29 1/2 caps. Established himself as first choice throughout the second half of the 1982-83 season. But his last international remains the 1-1 draw with Belgium in May 1983, which formed part of the Luxembourg Federation's 75th anniversary celebrations. Tempet joined Lens from Laval last summer.

PHILIPPE BERGERO, Goalkeeper. 30 1/2 caps. Toulon. Bergero's international appearances have been well spread. He made his debut for the senior team as half-line substitute for Dominique Dropsy in a 3-0 win against the United States in October, 1979. His second appearance was in a 1-0 defeat by the Soviet Union in Moscow in May 1980. . . . and his third was as substitute for Bats in the 1-0 win over Austria in March this year. Neither Bergero, Tempet nor Bats were in the 1982 World Cup Squad.

PATRICK BATTISTON, Defender. 27 1/2 caps. Bordeaux. Best remembered as the victim of Harald Schumacher's awful foul during the thrilling 1982 World Cup semi-final in Seville. Battiston suffered severe facial and spinal injuries and its remarkable that he has made such a complete recovery. Battiston can play full-back, stopper or sweeper. Metz were his first senior club, he joined Saint-Etienne in 1980 and transferred to Bordeaux a year ago.

YVON LE ROUX, Stopper. 24 1/2 caps. Monaco. Le Roux made his debut for France in a 4-0 win over Yugoslavia in a friendly in Paris in April last year and has been ever-present since then. He began his senior career with Ian Wallace's new club Brest, then transferred to Monaco a year ago.

MAXIME BOSSIS, Sweeper. 26 1/2 caps. Nantes. Bossis was 29 the day before the final of the European championship. Nantes has been his club since.

only senior club. He joined them in 1973 and made his France debut three years later against Czechoslovakia. With injuries putting an end to the career of Marius Tresor, Bossis is now the most experienced player in the French squad and must be well-placed to overtake Tresor's record of 64 caps. Bossis was the man who missed the decisive penalty in the 1982 World Cup semi-final defeat by West Germany.

MANUEL AMORIOS, Full-back. 27 1/2 caps. Brest. Amorios played as a substitute against England in February.

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at youth and under-21 level before becoming a surprise choice for the 1982 World Cup squad. Amorios was a member of the team beaten 3-2 by Poland in the third-place match.

THIERRY TUSSEAU, Full-back. 28 1/2 caps. Bordeaux. It was Tusseau's arrival on the scene at Nantes four years ago which allowed Maxime Bossis to switch to the centre of defence. Tusseau's decision to quit the club last year to join Monaco almost provoked revolt among fans furious that Nantes didn't try harder to keep him. Tusseau played as a substitute against England in February.

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PREVIOUS FINALS

1960 (France)
Semi-finals
Soviet Union bt Czechoslovakia 3-0
Yugoslavia bt France 5-4

Third place
Czechoslovakia bt France 2-0.

Final
Paris-Sov Union 2 (Metz-voli 49, Ponedelnik 113) Yugoslavia 1 (Galic 41). HT: 0-1. 90 min: 1-1. Att: 17,966. Ref: Ellis (Engl).

Sov Union Yashin — Chekheli, Maslennikov, Krutikov, Vainov, Netto, Metzveli, Ivanov, Ponedelnik, Bubukhin, Meski.

Yugoslavia Vidinic — Durkovic, Miladinovic, Jusufi, Zanetic, Perusic, Sekularac, Jerkovic, Galic, Matus, Kostic.

1964 (Spain)
Semi-finals
Sov Union bt Denmark 3-0
Spain bt Hungary 2-1.

Third place
Hungary bt Denmark 3-1.

Final
Madrid (Bernabeu): Spain 2 (Pareda 6, Marcelino 82). Sov Union 1 (Khussainov 8). HT: 1-1. Att: 125,000. Ref: Holland (Engl).

Spain Iribar — Rivilla, Olivella, Calleja, Zoco, Fuste, Amancio, Pareda, Marcelino, Suarez, Lapetra.

Sov Union Yashin — Shustikov, Shesternev, Anichkin, Mudrik, Voronin, Korneyev,

Chislenko, Ivanov, Ponedelnik, Khussainov.

1968 (Italy)
Semi-finals
Italy bt Sov Union on toss of a coin after 0-0 draw — Yugoslavia bt England 1-0.

Third place
England bt Soviet Union 2-0.

Final (replay after 1-1 draw)
Rome: Italy 2 (Riva 11, Anastasi 32) Yugoslavia 0. HT: 2-0. Att: 70,000. Ref: Dienst (Swiz).

Italy Zoff — Burghignani, Guarnieri, Facchetti, Rosato, Salvadore, Domenghini, Mazzola, Anastasi, De Sisti, Riva.

Yugoslavia Pantelic — Fazlija, Paunovic, Holcer, Damjanovic, Pavlovic, Trivic, Acimovic, Musemic, Hasic, Dzajic.

1972 (Belgium)
Semi-finals
Sov Union bt Hungary 1-0
W. Germany bt Belgium 2-1.

Third place
Belgium bt Hungary 2-1.

Final
Brussels (Hoyael): W. Germany 3 (Muller 25, 57, Winner 52) Sov Union 0. HT: 1-0. Att: 50,000. Ref: Marschall (Aust).

W. Germany Maier — Vogts, Schwarzenbeck, Beckenbauer, Dietz, Wimmer, Beer (Bongartz), Bonhof, Hoeneß, Muller, Holzenbein.

1980 (Italy)
First round
Gd 1: W. Germany bt

iges, Schwarzenbeck, Beckenbauer, Breitner, Wimmer, Netzer, U. Hoeneß, Heynckes, Muller, Kremers.

Sov Union Rudakov — Dadozuaishvili, Khurtsilava, Kapichny, Istomin, Konkav (Dolmatov), Troshkin, Kolotov, Baidatchai, Banishevski (Kozinkevich), Onishenko.

1976 (Yugoslavia)
Semi-finals
Czechoslovakia bt Holland 3-1
W. Germany bt Yugoslavia 4-2.

Third place
Holland bt Yugoslavia 3-2.

Final
Belgrade: Czechoslovakia 2 (Svehlik 8, Dobias 25). W. Germany 2 (Muller 28, Holzenbein 89). HT: 2-1. 90 min: 2-2. Att: 50,000. Ref: Gonella (It).

Czechoslovakia 5-4 on penalties.

Czechoslovakia Viktor — Pivarnik, Ondrus, Capkovic, Gogh, Dobias, Panenka, Moder, Svehlik (Jurkemik), Masny, Nehoda.

W. Germany Maier — Vogts, Schwarzenbeck, Beckenbauer, Dietz, Wimmer, Beer (Bongartz), Bonhof, Hoeneß, Muller, Holzenbein.

1980 (Italy)
First round
Gd 1: W. Germany bt

Czechoslovakia 1-0 — Holland bt Greece 1-0 — W. Germany bt Holland 3-2 — Czechoslovakia bt Greece 3-1 — Czechoslovakia drew with Holland 1-1 — W. Germany drew with Greece 0-0.

Sp 2: England drew with Belgium 1-1 — Italy drew with Spain 0-0 — Belgium bt Spain 2-1 — Italy bt England 1-0 — England bt Spain 2-1 — Italy drew with Belgium 0-0.

Third place
Czechoslovakia bt Italy 9-8 on pens after a 1-1 draw.

Final
Rome: W. Germany 2 (Hrubsch 10, 88). Belgium 1 (Mommens 70 pen). HT: 1-0. Att: 48,000. Ref: Reinae (Aust).

W. Germany Schumacher — Kaltz, Stielke, K. Forster, Dietz, Briegleb (Cullmann), Schuster, H. Muller, Rummenigge, Brubusch, K. Allofs.

Belgium Pfaff — Gerets, L. Mitecamp, Meuwis, Rensijn, Coeckx, Vandereycken, Van Moer, Mommens, Van der Elst, Ceulemans.

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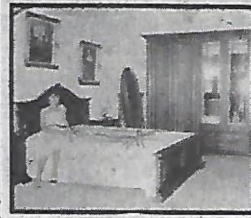
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La Lega Nazionale al giro di boa

La Lega Nazionale e' arrivata al giro del boa, con la prima partita del girone di ritorno in programma per il prossimo week-end.

Vale la pena perciò fare un breve consuntivo di quanto è successo fino ad ora, non solo in campo, ma a livello dirigenziale.

Ci troviamo ancora di fronte ad una situazione molto fluida poiché la grande malata del calcio nazionale non è ancora "fuori pericolo" dopo il delicato intervento chirurgico che le aveva salvato la vita all'inizio della stagione.

All'inizio dell'anno una schiera di chirurghi aveva trapiantato nuovi organi nel corpo morente della "National League".

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"challenge rounds" fra uno girone e l'altro, fra squadre dello stesso girone.

Tutto sommato sembrava che le cose dovessero andare per il meglio perché si era riuscito a mantenere la competizione a livello nazionale e, allo stesso tempo, aumentato il livello di interesse "locale" con più squadre da Sydney e da Melbourne che davano vita a più partite "in casa" e meno costosi spostamenti in aereo.

Il nuovo sangue, nella forma della Juventus di Melbourne, della Croatia di Melbourne e Sydney e delle squadre maltesi delle due capitali di Stato avrebbero anche portato alla Lega Nazionale maggior pubblico.

Gli accordi necessari per varare il nuovo sistema di competizione nazionale non erano stati facili ed avevano comportato una serie di difficoltà soprattutto fra le varie federazioni statali: la federazione australiana, la West Nally e la Lega Nazionale.

Se tutti avessero fatto la propria parte le possibilità di successo erano discrete. Ma purtroppo siamo nuovamente alle solite.

La Lega Nazionale è tornata ad essere il pomo della discordia ed ha ricominciato a vacillare sotto i colpi di vari demolitori.

Il caso più grave sembra essere l'attuale controversia

della competizione, senza di essi saranno i club che dovranno sborsare i quattrini necessari.

I club si trovano anche alle prese con i "reduci" dalla nazionale: alcuni si sono coperti di gloria ed ora cercano compensi maggiori o trasferimenti a squadre europee alla fine dell'anno altri invece sono rimasti infortunati o sfiancati e ce ne vorrà del tempo prima che tornano a rendere secondo le loro possibilità.

Girala come vuoi, la povera Lega Nazionale sembra proprio destinata a soccombere. Purtroppo tutti coloro che da anni stanno scavando la fossa per sotterrare non si accorgono che se dovesse morire la competizione nazionale morirebbe anche il calcio australiano.

C'è solo da augurarsi che i sapienti di tutte le parti riescano a mettersi d'accordo prima che sia troppo tardi. Il ritorno a competizioni statali sarebbe un passo indietro che non risolverebbe alcun problema e ne creerebbe dei nuovi, specialmente per quello che riguarda la squadra nazionale e la possibilità di qualificazione per la Coppa del Mondo.

Per quanto riguarda i risultati in campo bisogna prendere atto innanzitutto della serie negativa della Juventus di Melbourne che fino all'interruzione del campionato aveva guidato la classifica del girone "nazionale" con una certa facilità. Nelle ultime due partite ha colto altrettante sconfitte con lo stesso sacco risultando 8-2. Oggi si trova in una pur buona quarta posizione, ma le altre squadre sembrano stiano facendo il "sorpasso" con l'irrisoria facilità e fra un paio di settimane la situazione potrebbe diventare molto precaria.

Alla fin dei conti, però, c'è poco da recriminare. I bianconeri di Margaris avevano iniziato molto meglio di quanto chiunque avesse potuto pensare ed avevano approfittato del fatto che la maggior parte delle avversarie avevano stentato ad ingranare o avevano subito delle crisi.

Poi le cose sono andate di male in peggio per i bianconeri. Agli infornuti iniziali di Incantapulo, Drinocky e Vince Baton si sono aggiunti gli ultimi di Hird e Miranda. Swinscoe dovette tornare in Scozia per motivi di famiglia proprio quando sembrava che avesse trovato la via della rete e da quando è tornato non ha avuto molta fortuna fino al punto che è stato recentemente rivotato in ospedale per un'operazione ai reni. John Dowie che si era dimostrato il giocatore di maggior classe nella rassicurata difesa juventina è stato espulso due volte ed ha così abbandonato la squadra alla balia delle onde.

Nonostante tutto la squadra ha sempre lottato a denti stretti ed è sempre uscita dal campo a testa alta anche quando il passivo era pesante. Ormai è sicuri che Vince Bannon, Fabio Incantapulo e Harry Hird non giocheranno più questa stagione: Miranda e Sweeney ne avranno ancora per diverse settimane.

L'unica nota positiva è che Paul Drinocky è rientrato anche se ci vorrà del tempo prima che raggiunga la sua vecchia forma. Con il rientro di Dowie la difesa dovrebbe riacquistare una certa solidità e Rogers potrebbe essere spinto in avanti a rafforzare il centrocampo.

La Juventus potrebbe ancora portare a termine il suo campionato di Lega Nazionale con onore. E' necessario però che i giocatori, tecnici, dirigenti e tifosi tengano

dura e non si lasciano travolgere dagli eventi contrari.

E poi la Juventus ha ancora tutte le possibilità di ottenere il risultato migliore dell'anno assicurandosi finalmente il terreno per il campo e la sede a Brunswick. Basterebbe questo, da solo, per fare della stagione 1984 una delle migliori nella storia del glorioso club.

A proposito di glorie passate, è bene notare che quest'anno ricorre il 20° anniversario della fondazione del "Juventus Veterans Social Club" che raccoglie le vecchie glorie, i vecchi dirigenti e diversi dei fedelissimi tifosi degli anni d'oro. E' bello notare che coloro che erano sulla breccia quando la Juventus cominciò a muovere i primi passi, nel lontano 1964, sono ancora sulla breccia oggi sotto la bandiera degli "Old Boys".

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A Sydney le cose vanno alquanto meglio per le due "italiane" Apia e Marconi che continuano a cogliere risultati positivi, anche se le loro speranze di vincere il campionato del girone "australiano" si sono ridotte praticamente a nulla da quando il Sydney City ha cominciato ad andare nuovamente al gran trotto.

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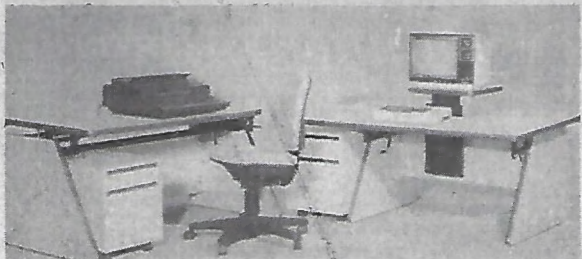
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Meet the French

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time — is the fact that he is one of the half-dozen former Saint-Etienne players implicated in the slush fund scandal. Platini was questioned earlier this past season by the investigating magistrate but no further moves are expected in the case until last autumn.

JEAN TIGANA, Midfield 28/77. Born in 1949, Tigana has been called the most brilliant of the current French squad. Born in Bamako, Mali, he didn't break into professional football with Lyon until he was almost 20. Three years ago he joined Bordeaux and remains there despite coming close to joining Tottenham in 1982 when doubts arose about the return to White Hart Lane of David Ardis.

JOSE TOURE, Midfield 23/73. Nantes. Toure made his international debut in the 4-4 win over Yugoslavia in spring 1983. He scored the fourth French goal but remains on the fringe of the squad. Looked out of place when tried up front against England in February.

JEAN-MARC FERREI, Midfield 21/76. Auxerre. Made his senior debut as a second-half substitute in the 4-0 defeat by Poland in Paris in August 1982. He was one of the few name players to collect any praise afterwards. Ferri has been nicknamed the "new Platini", but manager Hidalgo has been careful not to rush him. Was turned down for national service because of a leg injury early in his career.

BERNARD GENHINI, Midfield 26/71. Monaco. Genhini made his name with Sochaux then spent an unhappy year with Saint-Etienne after the last World Cup — trying to fill the gap left by Michel Platini. He joined Monaco last summer. Genhini isn't far behind Platini when it comes to scoring goals from free kicks, as he proved against Austria when he collected the only goal of that second-round World Cup tie in Madrid.

BRUNO BELLONE, Winger, 22/73. Monaco — whom he joined at 15. Bellone was one of the youngest players at the 1982 World Cup finals, though his only game was in the 3-2 defeat by Poland in the third-place match in Madrid.

DOMINIQUE ROCHEAUX, Forward 29/77. Paris Saint-Germain. Rochaux scored the goal which beat Austria in the March friendly in Bordeaux. He was discovered originally by Saint-Etienne though in 1979 a free-match injury in a friendly against Leeds delayed his first-team breakthrough. Injury also meant he appeared only as a late substitute — albeit a brilliant one — in the 1976 Champions' Cup final defeat against Bayern Munich at Hampden. Rochaux was disappointed in the 1978 World Cup and two years later moved to Paris SG.

DANIEL BRAVO, Left-winger, 21/76. Monaco. Born in Toulouse, made his name with Nice and transferred to Monaco a year ago. Bravo was on the short-list for a place in the 1982 World Cup squad until injury wrecked his hopes. Bravo made his France debut as a goal-scoring substitute for Didier Six in a 2-0 victory over Italy in February 1982, when Bravo was just 19.

BERNARD LACOMBE, Centre-forward 31/73. Bordeaux. Lacombe has scored more than 220 league goals in his career, a record for a French player. His goal for France against Italy in the 1978 World Cup finals was until Bryan Robson

struck against France four years later — the fastest in the history of the finals.

DIDIER SIX, Left-winger 29/49. Nulhouse. Now playing in the French second division after a roving career which has taken him from Valenciennes, to Lens, Marseille, Club Brugge, Strasbourg and Stuttgart. Six played in the finals of both the 1978 and 1982 World Cups. In the 1982 semi-final it was because he missed his penalty against West Germany that France failed to reach the final.

Maradona, 'Kaiser' on move

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This year's close-season transfer market has attracted exceptional interest because of an Italian federation ban on any future foreign signings until after the 1986 World Cup finals.

Inter Milan has been the most active, securing Irishman Liam Brady from Sampdoria and making room for Rummengien by selling Belgian Ludo Coeck to Ascoli. West German Hansi Mueller will also have to be sold, as each team can field only two foreign players.

AC Milan bought Mark Hateley from Portsmouth for £2.4 million dollars this week. It means his compatriot Luther Blissett, purchased only a year ago from Watford, will probably return to England after a disappointing season.

Verona purchased mid-fielder Hans Peter Briegleb from Kaiserslautern in West Germany and Danish striker Preben Elkjaer, an architect of his national side's strong showing in the European championships this month.

Roma's Brazilian players Paul Roberto Falcão and Toninho Cerezo are confirmed for another season. Udinese and Zico agreed to stay together for at least another year despite signs of mutual disenchament.

Torino signed defender Junior from Flamengo, practically completing the Italian acquisition of Brazil's leading 1982 World Cup performers.

Graeme Souness switched from Liverpool to Sampdoria where he will join fellow Briton Trevor Francis, whose Italian experience has been marred by a series of leg injuries.



SCINTILLATING SOCCER THIS SUNDAY JULY 8



NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Steve Jackson
Brisbane Lions

Brisbane Lions v St. George

Richlands — 3 pm

Previous NSL Results
Brisbane Lions 1 win
St. George 3 wins
8 draws

Sunshine George Cross

v Heidelberg

Chaplin Reserve — 3 pm

Previous NSL Result
South 1 win



Theo Selemidis
Heidelberg



Steve Gojevic
Mel. Croatia

Melbourne Croatia

v Adelaide City

Olympic Park No 1. — 3 pm

Previous NSL result
Melbourne Croatia 1 win

Preston v Brisbane City

Connor Reserve — 3 pm

Previous NSL Results
Preston 4 wins
Brisbane City 1 win
1 draw



Gary Cole
Preston



Paul Wade
Green Gully

South Melbourne

v Green Gully

Middle Park — 3 pm

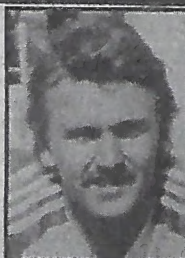
Previous NSL result
South Melbourne 1 win

West Adelaide v Juventus

Hindmarsh Stadium —

2.30pm

Previous NSL result
1 draw



Ian McGregor
West Ad.

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE



Gary Byrne
Blacktown

Blacktown City v Marconi

Gabbie Stadium — 3 pm

Previous NSL results
Blacktown 3 wins
Marconi 1 win
1 draw

Melita Eagles v Leichhardt

Melita Stadium — 3 pm

Previous NSL Result
Melita 1 win



Mark Brown
Leichhardt



Peter Raskopoluos
Olympic

Sydney Olympic v

Canberra Arrows

Pratten Park — 3 pm

Previous NSL results
Olympic 3 wins
Canberra 5 wins
4 draws

Sydney City v

Wollongong City

Sydney Athletic Field —

3 pm

Sydney City 6 wins
1 draw



Tony Pezzano
Sydney City



Lee Storry
Sydney Croatia

Sydney Croatia v

Penrith City

King Tomaslav Park —

3 pm

Previous NSL results
Penrith 1 win

**Forthcoming
National cup semi-finals**

FOOTSCRAY v MELBOURNE CROATIA

LEICHHARDT v NEWCASTLE

Wednesday August 29

Venues to be arranged